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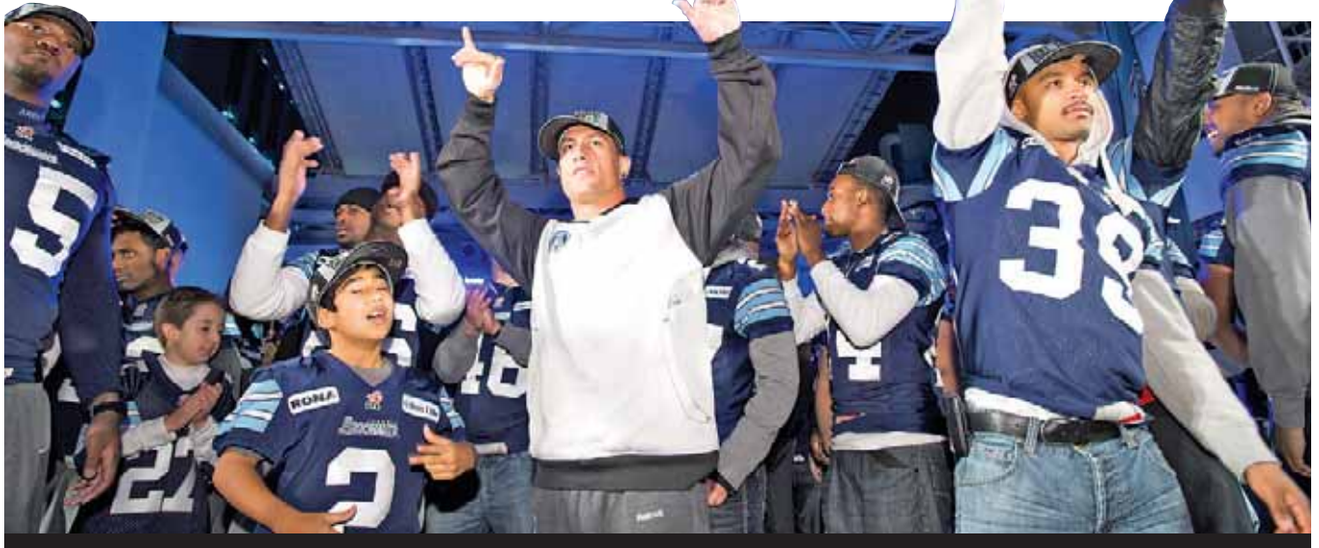

RALLY ROUND THE BLUE, BOYS!

Toronto Argonauts players wave to fans on Tuesday at a pep rally in Toronto. Hundreds of Argonauts faithful packed Yonge-Dundas Square to gear up for Sunday's 100th Grey Cup game, at the Rogers Centre, the Argos' home field. The team will take on the Calgary Stampeders. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

They aim to please

The TTC's new citizen board members say customer satisfaction is key PAGE 4

Rapper takes on sexy cause

RedFoo, half of the duo LMFAO, is promising to travel to northern Ontario to help save the polar bears PAGE 10

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Putting the ohhh in ocean

Life of Pi joins a long list of movies inspired by the terrifying power of the sea PAGE 25

The hazards of our highrises

Disaster readiness. Urban density presents towering challenge to emergency responders

When disaster strikes, how many flights of stairs will you have to walk down to evacuate?

The growing density of Toronto and increasing number of highrise condominiums is presenting new challenges for emergency workers that, one expert warns, could lead to increased damage from disasters.

"The extent of the damage or loss differs from hazard to hazard, but in most cases you have more problems for densely populated areas than low-density areas," said Ali Asgary, a professor at York University's school of disaster and emergency management.

Asgary's worst-case scenario is a collapse involving many buildings downtown — an unlikely but not impossible situation.

Toronto maintains a force capable of responding to urban disasters, known collectively as the Heavy Urban Search and Rescue team. Consisting of firefighters, police, EMS, engineers and other experts, the team's specialty is responding to the kinds of disasters most feared in an environment with hundreds of tall buildings.

The HUSAR team is currently subject to a public inquiry related to its work in Elliot Lake, where a mall collapse claimed two lives, and recently had its funding revoked.

While Asgary said the withdrawal of funding is unfortunate, he noted the Toronto team wouldn't be able to respond to anything more than one building collapsing. Instead, he recommends a series of smaller HUSAR teams spread out across the region, which could respond en masse if needed. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Mayor has right to 'ventilate,' his lawyer says

Ford libel case. Opponent alleges mayor's testimony is fabricated

Mayor Rob Ford's testimony in the $6 million libel case against him was "disingenuous" and "based on fabrications," the lawyer representing restaurateur George Foulidis said Tuesday on the last day of the hearing.

When Ford told court that evidence of corruption happened behind closed doors, he wasn't being honest, lawyer Brian Shiller charged. And when Ford testified that "anonymous" callers told him about money being exchanged under the table, he did so because it couldn't be verified.

Addressing the foundation of Ford's defence, Shiller said that while politicians have significant latitude to discuss controversial issues of public importance, that doesn't provide cover to "fabricat(e) criminal allegations."

"He's gone too far in making the allegation of corruption against Foulidis because he had no evidence to support it at all," Shiller said, using Judge John Macdonald's own words.

"When he's saying, you know, 'It's all confidential. It's behind closed doors,' it's not true and he knows it not to be true … It's an excuse to not back up his allegation. He can stop us right there. He stops us by saying, 'It's in camera, I can't talk about it.'"

On Tuesday, Macdonald said the question in this case is not whether Ford as a candidate is entitled to free speech. It's whether he went "too far."

Ford is accused of suggesting Foulidis, the owner of Tuggs Inc., which runs the Boardwalk Pub at Ashbridge's Bay, bribed important people at city hall in exchange for political favours.

Ford's defence lawyer has argued that under "fair comment" rights, politicians are allowed to "ventilate" issues of public importance — even using outlandish language, as long as it's rooted in some fact. Shiller argued the court has heard no facts to support Ford's claim of "corruption."

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Grey Cup in for high steppin' Stampeder fun

Troy Kokol, left, Dave Miller and Glenn Baker, three members of High Steppin' Daddy, join Calgary Grey Cup Committee member Karen Johnson at Union Station on Tuesday after arriving by train from Calgary. The Calgary Grey Cup Committee was launched during Grey Cup festivities in 1948, when a group of Calgary Stampeder fans devised a scheme to ride a horse into the lobby of The Royal York Hotel. The committee is back in Toronto for the 100th Grey Cup to do it all over again, and will also be hosting two free public breakfasts in Nathan Phillips Square featuring High Steppin' Daddy on Friday and Saturday. ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Burlington

Radioactive disc turns up at school

A radioactive disc the size of a quarter has been found in a dust-covered science kit from the 1960s in a storeroom at Burlington Central High School. The surrounding areas, from hallways to classrooms, were tested Monday evening and found to have normal, safe radiation levels, said Marnie Denton, spokesperson for the Halton District School Board. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Controversial bylaw

Plastics group suing the city over bag ban

Another industry group is trying to kill Toronto's plastic shopping bag ban before it comes into force. The Canadian Plastic Bag Association announced Tuesday it has launched legal action in the Ontario Superior of Court of Justice to quash the controversial ban on single-use plastic shopping bags.

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Former Argos cheerleader. Leibenko making slow recovery from injuries

Angela Morano got a phone call on Nov. 19 wishing her a happy 24th birthday.

"It was so, so, so good," said Morano, a long-time friend of former Argonauts cheerleader Anna Leibenko, who spent weeks on life support after a fall during a European vacation this summer. Leibenko is making a gradual recovery from her injuries.

Leibenko slipped from a catamaran off the coast of Croatia on Aug. 17 and hit her head during the three-metre fall into the Adriatic Sea.

She was rushed unconscious to a local hospital, with severe brain injuries and broken facial and head bones.

Former Argos cheerleader Anna Leibenko. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

The 24-year-old didn't have travel insurance, and her friends and family mounted a fundraising campaign to cover her medical costs and an air ambulance flight home.

Morano was a key organizer of the fundraiser that netted more than $140,000. It cost more than $90,000 to pay for the flight.

Leibenko arrived back in Toronto on Sept. 2, still on life support, and spent several more weeks in a coma at Sunnybrook Hospital before it became apparent that she was slowly waking up.

"The first thing she said to me was that she loved me," said Morano. "Her progress has been absolutely amazing."

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Alan Heisey is a lawyer and prominent cycling advocate.
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TTC’s new citizen board members.

Quartet aren’t necessarily daily riders, but say they have skills to bring to the table

They are virtual unknowns in the politically charged landscape of Toronto transit. On Wednesday, four private citizens — chosen from 485 applicants — will join the seven politicians on the TTC board. One will become vice-chair.

Torstar News Service asked what they bring to the table.

Q: Why did you apply to be on the Toronto Transit Commission and what do you bring to the job?

Anju Kumar Virmani, chief information officer, Cargojet Income Fund in Mississauga: “I don’t bring public transportation experience. But I do work for an airline, so I understand logistics, I understand scheduling, I understand repairs and maintenance.”

Alan Heisey, Toronto lawyer, former Toronto Parking Authority and Toronto Police Service Board chair, and cycling advocate: “I enjoy public service and I’m very interested in transit policy.” Heisey has acted as an outside lawyer for Metrolinx and major Canadian railways.

Nick Di Donato, CEO of Liberty Entertainment Group: “I’ve sat on many boards for the city, Tourism Toronto, Invest Toronto ... I’m looking at Toronto as a city and how we grow into the future. I felt that (transit) was an important portfolio and I should be part of it.” Best known as a customer service expert, Di Donato is also a professional engineer.

Maureen Adamson, CEO of Cystic Fibrosis Canada: “I can bring a lot of experience in capital redevelopment, in financing, customer service in terms of large scale projects. Whatever decisions are made around Toronto transit, it’s all about the consumers. If we don’t have their voice, we run the risk of not making the right decisions.”

Q: Do you ride the TTC?

Virmani uses the TTC frequently on evenings and weekends to get around town from her home near Bloor and Jarvis. But she drives to her job in Mississauga. “Believe me, I’m tired. I wish there was public transit I could use,” she said.

Adamson was a daily rider for years. Now she uses the TTC most days to get around town. Although she also drives to work when her job takes her to places like Barrie, Adamson says riding transit is important in understanding TTC customers.

“On Saturdays, we buy a family pass to go to programs and shopping,” said Heisey. His family also takes transit when vacationing in other cities and he’ll ride the TTC to business meetings and social events when his bike isn’t the better way. Heisey prefers the subway because buses and streetcars take too long.

“I don’t ride the TTC on a regular basis,” Di Donato said. “I have ridden the TTC. But what I’ve done more so than other people (is) I’ve ridden the subway systems and transit systems in pretty well every major city in the world.”

Q: What are the major challenges facing the TTC?

“Customer satisfaction is No. 1,” followed by modernization, said Virmani, who says automation and the realignment of jobs to reflect changing technology are also issues.

“All the expansion that has been approved and is being talked about is a huge issue, and how that’s going to be funded,” Adamson said. “There’s clearly some of those operational and capital funding pressures, and we need to look to creative ways of financing those.” TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Maureen Adamson is the CEO of Cystic Fibrosis Canada. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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City residents prepared for disaster: Poll

Just in case. Disaster preparedness poll finds low-income Torontonians least likely to keep supplies

A new poll suggests most Toronto residents believe they're well-prepared to handle a disaster, but those on low incomes are less sure they're ready.

Fifty-nine per cent of people surveyed in a Forum Research poll taken last Friday and Saturday said they are well-prepared for "a natural or man-made disaster like a hurricane, flood or fire."

But only 34 per cent of people polled with an annual household income under $20,000 said they are well-prepared for a disaster. Also, 60 per cent of people in this income bracket said they don't keep a kit of emergency supplies with items like flashlights, batteries and water.

"While it appears Torontonians are well-prepared for a catastrophe like Hurricane Sandy, what this reveals is that there are significant minorities who are woefully unprepared for a disaster," Forum Research president Lorne Bozinoff said in a press release.

The Forum Research poll is the result of interviews with 848 Torontonians aged 18 or older.

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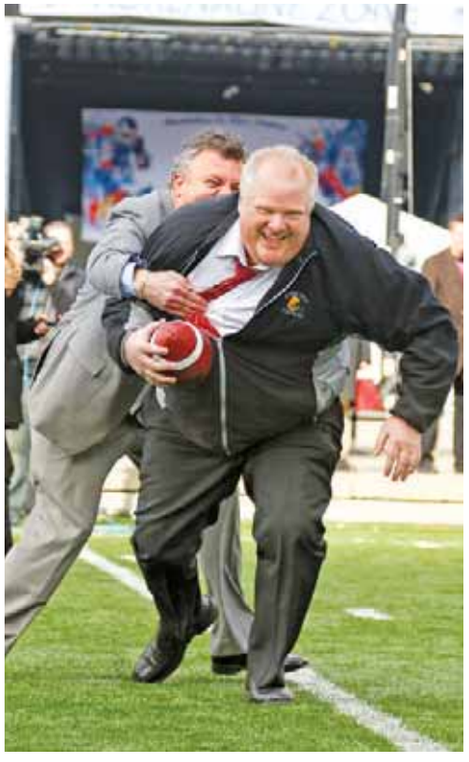
Evacuation route?

The results also show 44 per cent of Torontonians don't know what route they would need to take in an evacuation.

- James Kilgour, manager of the city's office of emergency management, said in an emergency, the city, police, TTC and other bodies would be involved in coming up with the best route and making sure people know about it.



Short of first down

Mayor Rob Ford gets tackled by his press secretary George Christopoulos during Grey Cup celebrations at the CFL Adrenaline Zone at Nathan Phillips Square on Tuesday. Grey Cup festivities are everywhere as the city revs up for the big game on Sunday.

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Mental health. A gene that makes you fat, but happy

Scientists out of McMaster University have discovered a happy gene — and it just so happens to be the same one that is a major contributor to obesity.

"So you can be obese, and happy," said David Meyre, an associate professor at McMaster's department of clinical epidemiology and biostatistics and a senior author of the study released Tuesday in the journal Molecular Psychiatry.

Scientists found that a gene that predisposes some people to obesity, called FTO, also offers some protection against depression.

Meyre, who holds the Canadian research chair in genetic epidemiology, recognized that the "unexpected" result contradicts what has long been thought to be a positive link between obesity and increased incidence of depression.

The connection between the FTO gene, obesity and lower risk of depression was found through statistical analysis of data on 27,000 people, comparing their weight, genetics and depression levels.

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"This is the first time we know there is some biological reason, or a pathology, behind something like mental health, especially depression."

First author Zena Samaan

Oshawa

2 suspects sought in homicide

Canada-wide arrest warrants have been issued for two Mississauga men in connection with a homicide east of Toronto in Durham Region in May.

Shorsh Sad Sivan, 31, and Nabaz Delr-Ismail, 28, are wanted for second-degree murder in the death of Kamran Ahmadbeigi, 26, of Vancouver.

Police say both accused have left Canada and investigators are looking to the public for information leading to their international whereabouts.

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Fracking for oil, gas must be safe first, McGuinty warns

Premier Dalton McGuinty TARA WALTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The Ontario government is warning energy companies it is not ready to allow the controversial practice called fracking to extract natural gas or oil.

Premier Dalton McGuinty says no private companies have approached the province to talk about fracking or hydraulic fracturing, which uses chemically treated water under extreme pressure in drill holes to fracture shale and release gas or oil.

McGuinty says he's heard concerns the practice can pollute water supplies, and would want to see scientific evidence fracking is safe "before giving it a thumbs up or a thumbs down."

NDP Leader Andrea Horwath says she's concerned about negative environmental impacts from fracking, especially on drinking water.

Opponents of fracking, including the Council of Canadians, say companies including Mooncor Oil and Gas and Dundee Energy are buying up land in southern Ontario that could be used for fracking.

Mooncor says only that it has not announced any plans to frack in Ontario.

The B.C. Oil and Gas Commission said a spate of small earthquakes in the province's remote northeastern corner were caused by fracking in the Horn River Basin, a gas-rich shale formation that's attracted some of the industry's biggest players.

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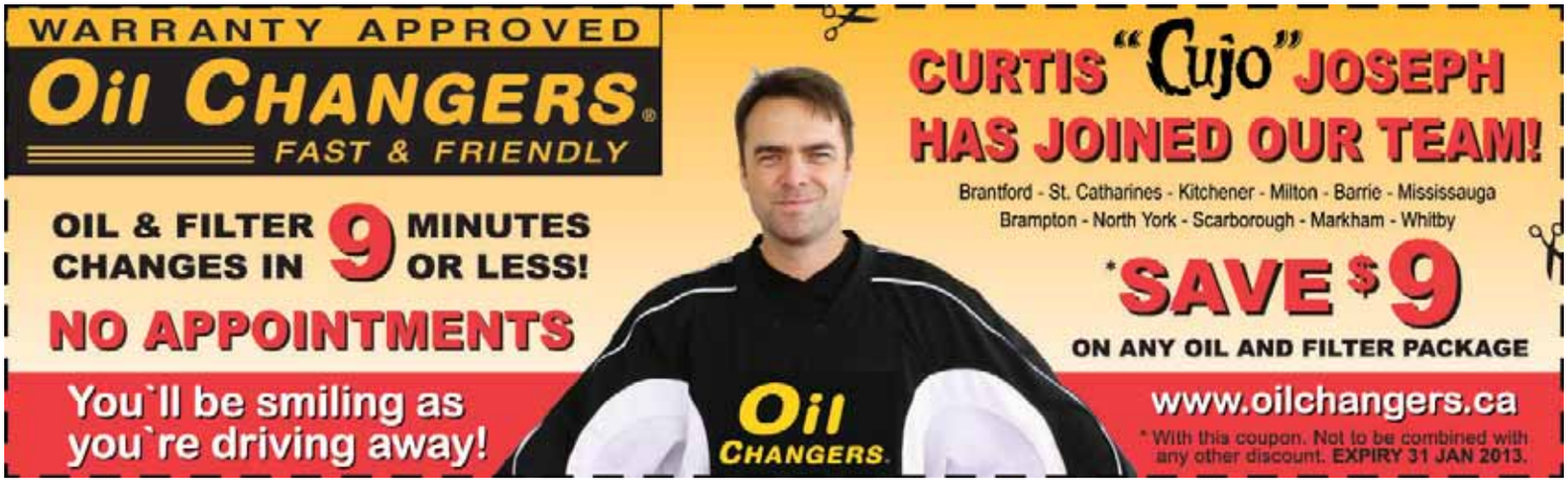
Provincial practices

Quebec has a moratorium on fracking and all oil and gas exploration activities under the St. Lawrence River, but other provinces, including Nova Scotia, British Columbia and Alberta, allow fracking.



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On the brink of peace?

Midnight tension. Talks on a Gaza ceasefire drag on amid optimism — but Israel and Hamas trade blistering blows

Israel and Hamas edged closer to a ceasefire late Tuesday night.

But after a day of furious diplomatic efforts involving the U.S. secretary of state, the United Nations chief and Egypt's president, a deal remained elusive.

Meanwhile, fighting raged on both sides of the border.

Israeli tanks and gunboats pummelled targets in Gaza in what appeared to be a last-minute burst of fire, while at least 200 rockets were fired into Israel.

As talks dragged on near midnight, UN ambassadors announced the Security Council will hold an open debate on the Gaza crisis Wednesday afternoon if a ceasefire is not called before then.

Earlier in the day, optimism was rampant.

Egypt's President Mohammed Morsi predicted Israeli airstrikes would soon end.

And Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said his country would be a "willing partner" to a ceasefire with Hamas, the Islamic militant group.

A top Hamas official, too, said a pact was close — even as the relentless airstrikes and rocket attacks continued.

Israel demands an end to rocket fire from Gaza and a halt to weapons smuggling into Gaza through tunnels under the border with Egypt.

Hamas wants the Israelis to halt all their attacks on Gaza and lift the crippling restrictions on trade and movement in and out of the territory.

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Death toll mounts

The toll in the week-old Gaza campaign:

- **Palestinians.** More than 130 Palestinians, both militants and civilians have been killed in Gaza.
- **Israelis.** Four Israeli civilians and one soldier have been killed.

Their young world collapses: Children stand in the rubble left after an Israeli strike on a house in Gaza City on Tuesday. HATEM MOUSSA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Curbside justice

Suspected traitors shot on street

Masked gunmen publicly shot dead six suspected collaborators with Israel at a large Gaza City intersection Tuesday, witnesses said.

An Associated Press reporter saw a mob surrounding five of the bloodied corpses shortly after the killing.

Some in the crowd stomped and spat on the bodies.

A sixth corpse was tied to a motorcycle and dragged through the streets as the crowd of people screamed, "Spy! Spy!"

The Hamas military wing, Izzedine al-Qassam, claimed responsibility in a large handwritten note attached to a nearby electricity pole.

Hamas said the six were killed because they gave Israel information about fighters and rocket-launching sites. Hamas did not provide any proof of the alleged collaboration.

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He's sexy and he's on it

Conservation. Girl's effort to protect polar bears draws promise from LMFAO DJ to hold concert in Cochrane

RedFoo of LMFAO, seen here at the Air Canada Centre in Toronto this month, is promising to visit Cochrane, Ont., for a show to raise awareness about polar-bear protection after the campaigning efforts of Paige Genier, 12, inset.

STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE, INSET: FACEBOOK.COM

Paige Genier and a determined band of friends from Cochrane, Ont., are fighting to save the polar bear.

DJ/rap star RedFoo, one half of the group LMFAO, is promising to travel to the northern Ontario town of 5,000 — home to the Cochrane Polar Bear Habitat — to put on a show to raise awareness about the need to protect them.

"I've always really liked polar bears. I went to see them a lot as a kid at the polar-bear habitat in Cochrane. Our town mascot is also a polar bear. So I wanted to help them," said Genier, 12.

Earlier this year, Genier said she read an article in Maclean's magazine that said "trophy" hunters, mostly from the U.S., are paying up to $50,000 to fly to northern Canada to hunt and kill polar bears.

"The global warming, it's hurting (polar bears) very badly, and then the trophy hunters are coming and killing him for their fur or for their head and leaving everything else there just to rot," she added.

After getting Cochrane's town council to approve her idea of a Polar Bear Awareness Week, Genier and members of her group, Team Wannabet, and scores of others flew down to Toronto to attend the Much Music Video Awards in June.

They came wearing LMFAO's signature shuffle bot heads — some with slogans like "Nobody's head should be used as a trophy — and drew the attention of RedFoo, a.k.a. Stefan Gordy, who spotted them during a sound check.

When Genier sent a request to the group over the summer asking for their help to raise awareness of the plight of the bears, the request came to Gordy's mom, Nancy Leiviska, who phoned Genier.

"My son just thinks she (Genier) is amazing. He didn't even believe she was 12 years old because of her ability to communicate ... and she's so focused," Leiviska said.

Leiviska said she hopes to connect her son and Genier via phone in the near future to firm up a date for the visit, tentatively scheduled for next spring.

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Snowball effect

- LMFAO's RedFoo sent a video message to Paige Genier on Nov. 7, saying he would come to Cochrane at an undetermined date. Last month, Genier's parents met with RedFoo in Las Vegas.
- Genier's Facebook page has gone wild since then, with more than 10,000 requests for tickets since RedFoo's announcement.
- A team of 700 volunteers has written MPs and senators, urging greater protection for polar bears.

Labour

Two teacher deals get Grits' approval

Two agreements between high school teachers and their local school boards have received a thumbs-up from the government, Premier Dalton McGuinty said Tuesday.

It's a sign that more deals can be reached to save the school year from further strike action, he said.

York Region and Upper Grand District school boards have received the Liberals' blessing, pending some fine-tuning at the local level and ratification by the boards and their unions. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Crime

Throat-slashing victim, 9, released

A nine-year-old St. Thomas, Ont. boy whose throat was slashed has been released from Children's Hospital in nearby London, Ont.

A 17-year-old boy made a court appearance via video Tuesday on charges of attempted murder in connection with the weekend incident.

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It's a common misconception that a deductible must be paid each time a driver makes a claim; But, there are cases when a deductible is not paid. Typically, this depends on the fault determination. Using a set of guidelines called the Fault Determination Rules, insurance companies assign a score to each party involved in an accident. Here are some common examples:

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Saskatchewan. Province loosens liquor laws, but won't go the full monty

Saskatchewan is offering new liquor laws that peel back a long-held prohibition against bars serving booze at stripteases, but the rules stop short of the full monty.

The province announced more than 70 new liquor regulations Tuesday, including the move to allow alcohol to be served at striptease performances and wet clothing contests. But it won't allow full-frontal nudity and the sale of liquor to be mixed.

"Prohibition against full nudity is still going to be enforced in Saskatchewan, but we will allow some stripping, exotic dancing-type without full nudity in the province," said Donna Harpauer, minister responsible for the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority.

Saskatchewan is the only province that doesn't allow stripping and alcohol sales.

Harpauer said the new rule brings Saskatchewan in line with New Brunswick, where genitals must be covered for men and women and women must have some coverage of their breasts. Decorative nipple coverings, commonly known as pasties, are allowed under Saskatchewan's new rules.

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Lascivious legs and liquor have had a divided history in Saskatchewan, but new laws will allow the sale of alcohol alongside stripteases. GETTY IMAGES

Canucks favour relaxed pot laws

Puff popularity. New poll suggests that only a very small minority want tougher rules

A new poll shows a clear majority of Canadians support loosening the country's marijuana laws, a stance that seems to be starkly out of sync with the federal government's current pot policy.

According to the poll, released Tuesday by Toronto's Forum Research, 65 per cent of Canadians favour either the legalization and taxation of the drug or decriminalizing it in small amounts.

"Very few want the law to be as it is," said Forum president Lorne Bozinoff, pointing out that 17 per cent believe Canada's current pot laws should remain, while 15 per cent want tougher rules.

"Public opinion has been ahead of government on this issue for a while."

Under the Conservatives, Ottawa has veered toward harsher penalties for marijuana, increasing potential prison time and imposing mandatory jail sentences for growing six or more weed plants.

These strategies have drawn criticism from scientists and organizations such as the Brazil-based Global Commission on Drug Policy, which in March called them "destructive, expensive and ineffective."

Recent developments in the U.S., where marijuana was legalized in Colorado and Washington State in election-day plebiscites, have brought attention to the issue in Canada.

"I think (the Conservatives) have a morally based belief model, which is not based on evidence," said Richard Mathias, a professor of public health at the University of British Columbia. "It is paternalism in the extreme."

Legalization in Colorado and Washington State has prompted a surge in the decades-old debate over marijuana laws. ED ANDRIESKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Last week, Liberal leadership candidate Justin Trudeau came out in favour of decriminalization, while leaving the door open to legalization, should he ever come to power.

Tom Stamatakis, president of the Canadian Police Association, said the public is too hasty to favour relaxing weed laws.

"We don't have the tools and the training available to us now to ensure that people aren't driving cars, for example, or operating machinery, while they're impaired by marijuana," he said.

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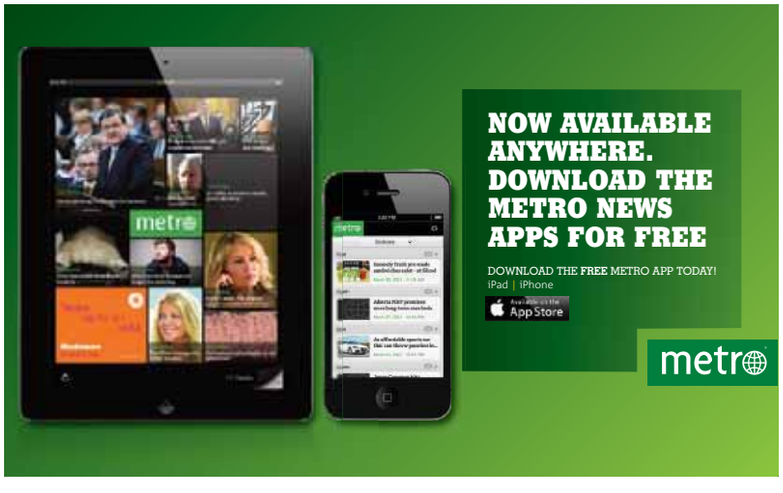

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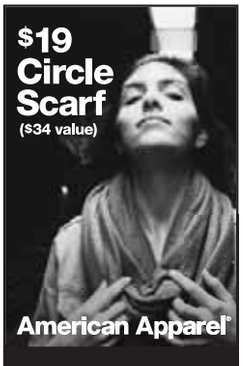

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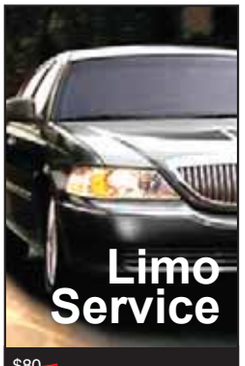

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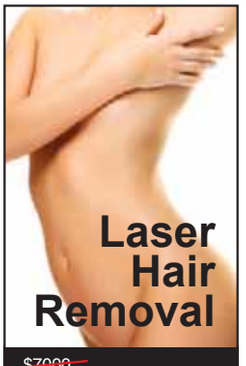

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Outrage over arrests for Facebook post

Shaheen Dhada, left, and Renu Srinivas, far right, leave court in Mumbai on Tuesday. The women were arrested for posting on Facebook that closures for the funeral of a fundamentalist leader were due to fear, not respect.
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Mumbai funeral.
Arrests seen as move by police to prevent violence by supporters of Hindu politician

As India's financial capital shut down for the weekend funeral of a powerful politician linked to waves of mob violence, a woman posted on Facebook that the closures in Mumbai were "due to fear, not due to respect." A friend of hers hit the "like" button.

For that, both women were arrested Sunday on charges of creating enmity and hatred and were released on bail.

Analysts and the media are slamming the Maharashtra state government for what they said was a flagrant misuse of the law and an attempt to curb freedom of expression.

The women withdrew the comment and apologized, but angry supporters of Bal Thackeray — a powerful Hindu fundamentalist politician who died Saturday — stormed an orthopedic clinic run by the uncle of one woman, destroying its operating rooms and much of its equipment. Nurses and patients fled but no one was hurt.

Shaheen Dhada, the 21-year-old who posted the comment, appeared on television Tuesday, her face covered by a scarf so that only her eyes were visible.

Clearly terrified, Dhada told NDTV television she would never again make comments on a social-networking site. Both women said they have deactivated their Facebook accounts.

Analysts say it was as sense of fear that kept millions of people off the streets of the bustling city on Sunday.
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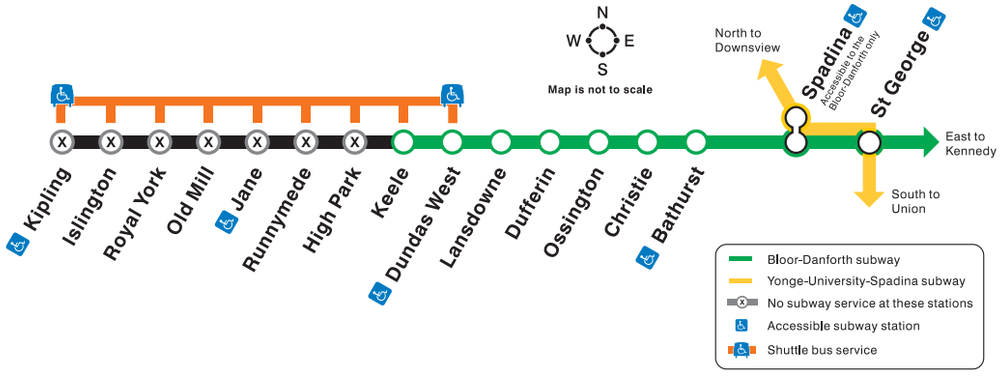

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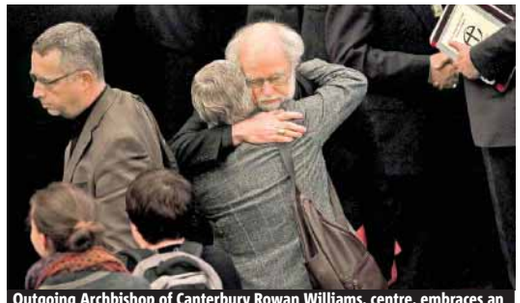

Outgoing Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, centre, embraces an unidentified person after draft legislation introducing the first women bishops in the Church of England failed to receive final approval from the General Synod in London, Tuesday. YUI MOK-POOL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Church of England.

Move to approve female bishops narrowly blocked

The Church of England's governing body on Tuesday narrowly blocked a move to permit women to serve as bishops, leaving the church facing more years of contentious debate.

Following a daylong debate, opponents mustered enough support to deny the necessary two-thirds majority among lay members of the General Synod, with backers falling six votes short of passage.

The defeat was a setback for Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, who retires at the end of December, and his successor, Bishop Justin Welby. Both had strongly endorsed a proposed compromise that they had hoped would end decades of debate on the issue in the church, which has around 80 million members worldwide.

Passage of legislation to allow women to serve as bishops must be approved by two-thirds majorities in the synod's three houses: bishops, priests and laity.

The vote was 132 in favour and 74 against.
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Rowdy soccer fans

Jeering mob in Turkey greets visiting players

Turkish police used pepper spray to disperse hundreds of Galatasaray soccer fans who gathered at Istanbul's main airport to jeer Manchester United players on their arrival for Tuesday's Champions League game.

The fans lit firecrackers and flares, and battered doors of Ataturk Airport's arrival terminal late Monday, prompting riot police to use pepper spray. Manchester United players left the building through another exit.
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Abortion death probe

Ireland makes a U-turn, drops 3 docs from panel

The Irish government removed three doctors Tuesday from a seven-member panel investigating the death of Savita Halappanavar, a 31-year-old Indian dentist who died in an Irish hospital Oct. 28 after being denied an abortion.

The U-turn came hours after her husband, Praveen Halappanavar, said he would refuse to cooperate because three of the hospital's senior doctors had been appointed as investigators.
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Poles crack 'bomb plot' — link to Breivik feared

Legislators in danger?
Suspect planned attack on Polish parliament, prosecutors say

A Polish university researcher driven by nationalistic and anti-Semitic hatred has been arrested for planning to detonate a four-ton bomb in front of Warsaw's parliament building, authorities said Tuesday.

The alleged plotter would have struck with the president, prime minister, government ministers and lawmakers inside, the authorities added.

Prime Minister Donald Tusk said the suspect and his plot were discovered as investigators looked into Polish links to the Norwegian mass murderer Anders Behring Breivik.

Polish security officials have said Breivik bought small amounts of material for his bomb-making in Poland.

Prosecutors said Tuesday the 45-year-old Polish suspect had explosive materials, munitions and guns.

The man, who was not identified by name, was building bombs himself and also had detonators, said prosecutor Mariusz Krason.

The suspect planned to launch his attack outside parliament when the leaders and legislators were there, but hadn't set a specific date.

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Bye bye, Blighty? EU gets the jitters over possible pullout by fed-up Britain

Goodbye, Britain?

For the European Union, a once-unthinkable question is looking more like a real possibility.

Bad times are forcing the 17 EU nations that use the euro currency to move ever closer toward some kind of United States of Europe — one that could make decisions about how much member countries spend and tax.

And that's a nightmare for Britain.

The British public shows no interest in moving closer to the rest of Europe, and most can't even seem to stomach the status quo.

After a 2015 election, Britain — among 10 of the 27 EU nations that don't use the euro — is likely to hold a referendum on whether to leave the EU.

Even if it doesn't hold a vote, the country is already unpicking its ties with Europe, a movement that has unsettled Germany, which is eager to retain the U.K. as an important economic driver of the bloc.

"I will ask the inhabitants of the wonderful island to reflect that they will not be happy if they are alone in this world," German Chancellor Angela Merkel said in a speech in London last week.

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Storm clouds

Prospects of an exit from Europe alarms some top Britons.

- **Against:** Former prime minister Tony Blair has urged Britain not to pull away, but to help build a new structure to improve Europe. "It's a very tricky task," he says. "But it's an essential one if the U.K. is not to be sidelined."
- **Also against:** Peter Mandelson, ex-European Union trade commissioner, warns that going it alone would mean a waning influence for the U.K. on the global stage.

2011 sets a record

A boom year for carbon dioxide

Carbon dioxide reached a record high level in the air in 2011, the United Nations weather agency says.

Concentrations of the heat-trapping pollutant in the atmosphere averaged 390 parts per million during the year. That is up 40 per cent from before the Industrial Age, the World Meteorological Organization said.

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Troops on move

France pulls out of Afghanistan

France on Tuesday ended its combat operations in Afghanistan, pulling hundreds of troops from a base in a volatile region and fulfilling promises to end its combat role on a faster track than other NATO allies.

After a handover ceremony with Afghan troops, 500 French combat soldiers in trucks and armoured vehicles left the Nijrab base and travelled southwest to Kabul.

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Dope-selling coffee shops still open to foreigners — for now

Amsterdam. Justice minister scraps the rollout of a program designed to keep tourists out of the pot selling java joints

In this April 2012 file photo, a protestor from Belgium with a marijuana leaf painted on his face smokes up in Amsterdam. PETER DEJONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dope-selling coffee shops in Amsterdam won't be shutting their doors to foreign visitors any time soon, a huge relief to the hundreds of thousands of tourists who enjoy a toke or two in the Dutch capital alongside their excursions on the canals and to the museums.

Amsterdam welcomed Tuesday changes in the national government's drug policies as a green light to let tourists keep rolling in to the city's 220 world famous cafés that sell cannabis, marijuana and pre-rolled joints alongside cups of coffee.

On Monday night, Justice Minister Ivo Opstelten sent a letter to Parliament announcing he was scrapping a nationwide rollout of the so-called "weed pass" that was designed to keep non-Dutch residents out of those coffee shops.

Beginning earlier this year in the south of the country, locals had to apply for a pass to get into such shops, but non-Dutch residents were barred to crack down on crime.

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U.S. ballot measures

Pot possession should remain illegal: UN to U.S.

The head of the UN drug watchdog agency is urging U.S. federal officials to challenge ballot measures in Colorado and Washington that decriminalized possession of small amounts of marijuana for adults over 21.

Raymond Yans says the approvals send "a wrong message to the rest of the nation and it sends a wrong message abroad."

Yans heads the International Narcotics Control Board. He said on Tuesday he hopes the Attorney General will take all necessary measures to ensure that marijuana possession and use remains illegal. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

San Francisco. Lawmakers approve ban on nudity on streets, sidewalks, transit

San Francisco lawmakers have narrowly approved a proposal to ban public nakedness.

The 11-member Board of Supervisors voted 6-5 Tuesday on an ordinance that prohibits exposed genitals in most public places, including streets, sidewalks and public transit. A first offence carries a maximum penalty of a $100 US fine, but prosecutors have the authority to charge a third violation as a misdemeanour punishable by up to a $500 US fine and a year in jail.

Supervisor Scott Wiener introduced the measure in response to escalating complaints about a group of men whose lack of clothing was an almost daily occurrence in the city's predominantly gay world-famous Castro District.

A federal lawsuit seeking to block the ban was filed ahead of Tuesday's vote.

The municipal politicians rejected arguments that the measure would eat away at a reputation for tolerance enjoyed by a city known for flouting convention and flaunting its counter-culture image.

Wiener's opponents on the board said a ban would draw the attention of cops away from more critical problems. "The Castro, and San Francisco in general, is a place of freedom, expression and acceptance. But (that) does not mean anything goes under any circumstances," Wiener said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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In this January 2011 photo, Elmo puppeteer Kevin Clash poses with the Sesame Street Muppet in the Fender Music Lodge during the 2011 Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah. VICTORIA WILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Elmo puppeteer resigns amid sex allegations

Kevin Clash. The man who created the iconic red furry puppet steps down as new underage-sex accusations surface

Elmo puppeteer Kevin Clash resigned from Sesame Street on Tuesday amid allegations he sexually abused underage boys, bringing an end to a 28-year career in which he turned the furry red monster into one of the most beloved — and lucrative — characters on TV and in toy stores.

"Personal matters have diverted attention away from the important work Sesame Street is doing, and I cannot allow it to go on any longer," the 52-year-old performer said in a statement.

"I am deeply sorry to be leaving and am looking forward to resolving these personal matters privately."

His departure came as a 24-year-old college student, Cecil Singleton, sued Clash for more than $5 million Tuesday, accusing the actor of engaging in sexual behaviour with him when he was 15. Singleton charged that Clash made a habit of trolling gay chat lines for underage boys and meeting them for sex.

It was the second such allegation in just over a week. On Nov. 12, a man in his 20s said he had sex with Clash at age 16. A day later, though, the young man recanted, saying their relationship was adult and consensual. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quote

"Elmo is bigger than any one person."

A Sesame Workshop statement explaining last week that Elmo is not defined by one person and others have been trained as Clash's stand-in. It remains unclear who will take over the role now.

Sweden

Woman charged with necrophilia

A woman in Sweden has been accused of necrophilia after investigators found some 100 skeleton parts in her apartment.

The Swedish news agency TT cites prosecutor Kristina Ehrenborg-Staffas as saying that the 37-year-old woman is suspected of using the remains, which included six skulls and one backbone, in "sexual situations."

The woman, from southwestern Sweden, was charged with "violating the peace of the deceased" in Goteborg District Court on Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Murder. McAfee blogs about watching police search for him in Belize

Software company founder John McAfee says he's hiding in plain sight, wearing a disguise as he watches police and reporters stake out his home — and blogging about it all.

In the latest twist in the highly publicized case, McAfee has started his own blog, in which he describes life on the lam after police in Belize called him a "person of interest" in the slaying of fellow American Gregory Viant Faull and asked him to turn himself in for questioning.

In phone interviews with The Associated Press, McAfee has never said where he's hiding. But in his blog this week, he claims to have disguised himself as a grungy street peddler and a foul-mouthed German tourist and claims he approached an Associated Press reporter outside his staked-out home on the Caribbean island of Ambergris Caye and almost sold the reporter a wood carving.

It's hard to separate fact from fiction in the whole account, but one thing is clear — seldom has there been more detailed coverage of someone on the lam since O.J. Simpson led police on a low-speed chase in 1994.
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Get budget deal done, Bernanke tells Congress

Fiscal cliff. Resolving crisis could make new year 'a very good one' for U.S. economy, says central banker

Quoted

"(If) the economy goes off the broad fiscal cliff ... I don't think the Fed has the tools to offset that."
Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke on Tuesday urged Congress and the Obama administration to strike a budget deal to avert tax increases and spending cuts that could trigger a recession next year.

Without a deal, the measures known as the "fiscal cliff" will take effect in January.

Bernanke also said Congress must raise the federal debt limit to prevent the government from defaulting on Treasury's debt. Failure to do so would impose heavy costs on the economy, he said. Bernanke said Congress also needs to reduce the federal debt over the long run to ensure economic growth and stability.

Uncertainty about all these issues is likely holding back spending and investment and troubling investors, the Fed chairman said in a speech to the Economic Club of New York. Resolving the fiscal crisis would prevent a sudden and severe shock to the economy, help reduce unemployment and strengthen growth, he said. That could make the new year "a very good one for the American economy," he said.

"A stronger economy will, in turn, reduce the deficit and contribute to achieving long-term fiscal sustainability," Bernanke told the group.

By the end of December, just as the fiscal cliff nears, the federal government is expected to hit its borrowing limit. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner has said he will resort to the same manoeuvres he used during the last debt standoff in 2011.

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France's credit rating loses its lustre

The sun sets on an empty restaurant terrace near the Eiffel Tower in Paris on Tuesday. In a setback for President Francois Hollande's socialist government, Moody's Investors Service stripped Europe's No. 2 economy of its prized AAA credit rating late Monday over concerns that its rigid labour market and exposure to Europe's financial crisis were threatening its prospects for economic growth. FRANCOIS MORI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sponsorship

Hockeyville program is latest lockout casualty

Kraft Canada cancelled its popular Hockeyville program Tuesday, a victim of the protracted National Hockey League lockout that is seeing sponsors as well as fans grow weary.

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Bribery charges laid against key players in U.K. media scandal

Two former confidants of Britain's prime minister have been charged with conspiring to pay public officials in exchange for stories and information — the latest development in the country's establishment-shaking scandal over media malfeasance.

Britain's Crown Prosecution Services said former tabloid editors Andy Coulson and Rebekah Brooks were among five people being charged with conspiracy to commit misconduct in public office. Prosecutors said Brooks, a neighbour, close friend, and political ally of Prime Minister David Cameron, conspired with journalist John Kay to funnel as much as $160,000 to a Ministry of Defence employee in return for a stream of stories that were published in Rupert Murdoch's The Sun newspaper.

The prosecutors alleged Coulson, who until last year served as Cameron's top press aide, conspired with journalist Clive Goodman to pay officials for access to a royal phone directory known as the Green Book. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rogue UBS trader gets 7-year sentence

London trial. 'There is a strong streak of the gambler in you,' judge tells man who lost $2.2B

A rogue trader who lost $2.2 billion US in bad deals at Swiss bank UBS was sentenced to seven years in prison Tuesday after being convicted in what prosecutors called the biggest fraud case in U.K. banking history.

Ghanaian-born Kweku Adoboli, 32, exceeded his trading limits and failed to cover his losses, allegedly faking records to hide his tracks at the bank's London office. At one point, Adoboli risked running losses of up to $12 billion US.

"There is a strong streak of the gambler in you," Judge Brian Keith told Adoboli. "You were arrogant to think the bank's rules for traders did not apply to you."

Adoboli wiped away tears as Keith handed down his sentence.

A conviction for fraud carries a maximum jail term of 10 years. The 10-person jury at Southwark Crown Court in London found Adoboli guilty of two counts of fraud and innocent of four other false accounting charges.

Kweku Adoboli arrives at Southwark Crown Court in London on Nov. 15. On Tuesday, the former UBS trader was found guilty of two counts of fraud. KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Adoboli ran into trouble dealing in exchange-traded funds, complex financial products that track stocks, bonds and commodities. Adoboli admitted the losses, but said he was pressured by staff to take risks. He also testified last month that he had been trying to help UBS survive after it amassed losses of $52 billion during the 2007-2008 global financial crisis.

"There were times we thought there was no way the organization would survive," said Adoboli, who joined UBS as a trainee in 2003 and rose quickly to become a senior trader. "I grew up with UBS. I felt very loyal to UBS."

Det. Chief Insp. Perry Stokes of City of London Police, who led the investigation of Adoboli, had a different view, believing the trader's motive was "to increase his bonus, his status, his job prospects and his ego."

"Adoboli was a sophisticated fraudster," Stokes said. "He was one of the most accomplished fraudsters that I've seen in my time investigating serious fraud."

After questions were raised about his trading, Adoboli walked off the job and sent an email to colleagues saying what he had done. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Air travel

WestJet customers may get mobile entertainment

WestJet Airlines plans to test a new entertainment system next year that will allow passengers to use their tablets, computers and smart phones to access in-flight television and connect to the Internet, CEO Gregg Saretsky said Tuesday.

The new system could eventually lead the Calgary-based airline to do away with seat-back systems and shed weight from each aircraft.

Saretsky said the new system would improve the passenger experience because content would be beamed to personal devices, giving passengers the ability to select what they watch. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Research in Motion

Analyst gives BB10 improved odds

A prominent tech analyst is giving Research In Motion's new operating system a small but improved chance of success in the competitive smartphone market when it launches in early 2013.

Analyst Peter Misek of New York-based Jeffries & Company said Tuesday that he's still giving the BlackBerry 10 operating system only a 20 per cent to 30 per cent probability of success.

But that's an improvement on his previous assessment of 10 per cent to 20 per cent chance of success — a change in opinion that he attributed to surprisingly strong support among some wireless carriers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market Minute

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ON THE ORIGIN OF MIDLIFE CRISES

JUST SAYIN'
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There's more evidence to prove that homo sapiens is descended from apes.

According to a study involving 500 great apes published in the, ahem, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, chimpanzees and orangutans experience a midlife crisis, just like us.

It's just more difficult to tell, as an ape with angst is unlikely to purchase a Porsche.

I knew it was hereditary! For all we know, it's as universal as life itself: Birds do it, bees do it, even educated fleas … if you're alive, you know the exact moment when you're over the hill.

Monkey business

"That's not great news if you live in a zoo, because you can expect to live to 50. That's 15-25 years of same-old, same-old: Monkey chow three times a day, stupid children banging on the glass while their parents take flash photos, and Bonzo over there keeps trying to horn in on your harem."

For humans, it's traditionally 45-55. Chimps turn into chumps around 27 or 28 and orangutans get the memo at about 35.

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Of course, this could be more of a comment on the apes' handlers than on the apes themselves, as they were asked to fill out the forms documenting the general mood of their apes, the joy their charges gained from socializing and how would they feel if they had to be an ape for a week.

After a very bad day of putting up with banana breath and monkeyshines, it's only human for a handler to project his or her feelings on the nearest living being, even if said being is more interested in another banana than anything else.

Whatever, the good news is that it gets better.

Just when Bonzo's grinning mug makes Cheetah want to throw his feces, he begins to realize that three squares ain't so bad. After all, he could still be stuck in some jungle in Botswana, dodging lions and poachers, rooting for termites with a stick.

This is roughly analogous to the process of acceptance in humans.

If we survive our midlife crisis without pitching our feces around the office or getting caught surfing NSFW on the Internet, we can look forward to increasing happiness that reaches its peak around 70.

Of course, there are good reasons old guys are happy. They get there early before the lineups. Plus they get the seniors' discount.

The bottom line: If you're feeling like the pack has passed you by, it has less to do with your sorry circumstances and more to do with your hormonal imbalance.

Just hang on.

Primate Prime Time is about to begin.

I'm not monkeying around — apes experience a midlife crisis, too. IAN WALDIE/GETTY IMAGES

Royals' site causes security concerns

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Tea-d off

Duke and duchess revamp website

This is an undated handout photo issued by the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge's website on Tuesday of Britain's Prince William making a cup of tea while working as a helicopter search and rescue pilot at RAF Valley on Anglesey, Wales.

Many of the exclusive pictures that gave an insight into the life of the flight lieutenant in Wales at his day-job as a Search and Rescue (SAR) pilot had to be taken down hours after they were posted due to security concerns.

The pictures offered a rare look into the typical day in the life for Prince William in his work flying RAF Sea King helicopters from their base at RAF Valley on Anglesey, north Wales — from planning and preparing for any emergency callout to resting with his colleagues during downtime.

But the images also included unclassified user names, passwords and computer screens. Britain's Ministry of Defence said in a statement Tuesday that passwords and user names were reset as a precaution and that the photos were reissued. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shift work

24 hrs

The latest post on the website detailed Prince William's typical schedule of a 24-hour shift as a pilot.

When duty doesn't call

- The site reveals that Call of Duty is a favourite among Prince Will and his friends.
- On Wednesday even more photos will be posted — this time by the Duchess — of the trip she and Will took to Asia in September.
- Will's current tour will end by fall 2013, and at that time he is set to decide if he wants to stay on for a few more years.

Metropolitan Panel

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Are you afraid Canada could fall off the "fiscal cliff" along with the U.S.?

Twitter

@BrentWishart: I really hope this Gibbons hiring will work out for the best. #BlueJays

@IamMattMeli: Mixed feelings with Gibbons back to the Jays as manager. I hope it works out though.

@yaminifries: This Elmo controversy is really scarring everything that remains pure about my childhood. What will Sesame Street be without Elmo really?

@Grebry: This episode of Sesame Street is brought to you by the letters O, M, and G.

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The long awaited screen adaptation of The Life of Pi finally arrives in theatres this weekend. HANDOUT

Ocean's raw power inspires, creates cinematic awe in Pi

New release. Life of Pi joins a long list of films who have used the beauty and the beast of the blue as a wild backdrop

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Joseph Conrad wrote of the ocean's awesome power: "The sea has never been friendly to man."

Less eloquent is this quote from Beauty Queens by Libba Bray: "You can't believe how bleeding scary the sea is! There's, like, whales and storms and s—t!"

Not to mention killer whales, giant waves and even H-bomb mutated giant octopuses!

The ocean and its power has been challenging cinematic sailors for decades.

From the early screen adaptations of Moby Dick to the crazy sea monsters of 1950s B-movies to this weekend's The Life of Pi, based on the megahit novel by Yann Martel, the ocean has provided a wet and wild backdrop for Hollywood.

Pi's story of a boy set adrift on the ocean in a lifeboat with only a tiger for a companion is a coming-of-age story that uses the sea as a metaphor. Most films are more literal.

The giant wave that capsizes the ship in The Poseidon Adventure was no metaphor, it was a terrifying display of the ocean's power, even if it was filmed using a 21 foot 6 inch long miniature ship in a 300 by 350 foot water tank on a Hollywood stage.

Filmmakers have often looked to sea creatures for inspiration. Everything from LOTR: Fellowship of the Ring to Sharktopus features fantasy monsters unleashed by the deep. One of the best-known B-movies of the 1950s is It Came From Beneath the Sea, the story of a giant octopus awakened by the radiation from H-bomb tests.

The film was so low budget, special effects wizard Ray Harryhausen cut corners by building his octopus model with six rather than the usual eight tentacles. To cover his cheat, he posed the creature so viewers couldn't count the arms.

Finally, Orca, the best known of the killer whale movies, shows a much more real threat.

Or does it?

The joke is that killer whales aren't all that dangerous — to humans anyway.

"There has never been a substantiated case of an orca killing a man," wrote Outside magazine's Tim Cahill, "despite the 1977 movie Orca, in which a killer whale seeks revenge on Richard Harris by eating all his co-stars. The movie was so silly, unscientific and unbelievable that one critic suggested Harris fight a duel to the death with his agent for getting him the role."

Life of Pi

Life of Pi is a fantasy adventure novel by Yann Martel published in 2001.

- **Background.** The main character, Piscine Molitor "Pi" Patel, a young Indian boy, explores issues of spirituality and practicality.
- **Awards.** The book was chosen for CBC Radio's Canada Reads 2003. The year before, it won the Man Booker Prize for Fiction. Martel was only the third Canadian to ever win the literary legends nod. It dates back to 1969.

Carlton
Red Dawn (PG) Wed-Thu 1:25-4:05-7:10-9:30
Rise of the Guardians (G) Wed-Thu 1:55-4:20-7:15-9:20

Scotiabank Theatre
Red Dawn (PG) Wed-Thu 1:30-2:45-3:55-5:10-6:15-7:40-8:40-10:15-11
Market Square
Life of Pi (PG) Wed-Thu 1-4-7-9:40
Red Dawn (PG) Wed-Thu 1:05-3:05-5:05-7:05-9:05
Rise of the Guardians (G) Wed-Thu 1:20-3:20-5:20-7:20-9:35

Varsity
Life of Pi (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 12:45-3:50-6:45-9:40
Life of Pi 3D (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 1:15-4:10-7:25-10:20
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Wed-Thu 1:10-4-6:50-9:50

Yonge-Eglinton Centre
Life of Pi 3D (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 12:50-4:10-7:10-10:20
Rise of the Guardians (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 12:35
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 3:20-6:30-9:45

Yonge & Dundas 24
Life of Pi (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 3:20-6:20-9:20
Life of Pi 3D (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:20-10:20
Rise of the Guardians (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15
Rise of the Guardians: An IMAX 3D Experience (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 1:45-4:15-6:45-9:15
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Wed-Thu 1:30-4:25-7:20-10:15

Albion Cinemas
Life of Pi 3D (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 12:35-3:35-6:40-9:50
Red Dawn (PG) Wed-Thu 1:20-4:20-6:50-9:35
Rise of the Guardians (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 1:35
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 4:15-7:10-9:40
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Wed-Thu 1:10-4:05-7:05-10:05

Woodbine Centre
Life of Pi (PG) Wed-Thu 1:05-4:05-7-9:45
Red Dawn (PG) Wed-Thu 1:15-4:10-7:05-9:20
Rise of the Guardians (G) Wed-Thu 12:30-2:45-5-7:15-9:30

Beach Cinemas
Life of Pi 3D (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 6:50-9:55

Sheppard Grande
Life of Pi (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 4-7-10
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Wed-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:50

Empress Walk
Red Dawn (PG) Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 4:15-7:20-10:10
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Stadium

SilverCity Yorkdale 6
Life of Pi 3D (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:55-10
Red Dawn (PG) Wed-Thu 12:35-3-5:30-8-10:30
Rise of the Guardians (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 12:45
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 3:20-7-9:45

Silvercity Fairview
Red Dawn (PG) Wed-Thu 2-4:40-7:25-9:55
Rise of the Guardians (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 1:50
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 4:30-7:20-9:50

Coliseum Scarborough
Life of Pi 3D (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 1-4-7:10-10:25
Red Dawn (PG) Wed-Thu 12:35-3-5:20-8-10:30
Rise of the Guardians (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 1:20
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 4:05-7-9:30
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Wed-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:05

Eglinton Town Centre
Life of Pi 3D (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 4:10-7:10-10:15
Red Dawn (PG) Wed-Thu 5:15-7:45-10:20
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 4:50-7:20-9:50

401 & Morningside
Life of Pi 3D (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 3:50-7:05-10:05
Red Dawn (PG) Wed-Thu 3:05-5:20-7:40-9:50
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 4:20-7-9:30

Coliseum 10
Red Dawn (PG) Wed-Thu 12:40-3:10-5:30-8-10:20
Rise of the Guardians (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 12
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 2:20-4:45-7:20-9:50

Courtney Park 16
Life of Pi 3D (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 1:35-4:40-7:30-10:35
Red Dawn (PG) Wed-Thu 1:20-3:40-5:55-8:15-10:35
Rise of the Guardians (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 1:05
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 3:30-5:55-8:20-10:40

Orion Gate Grande
Red Dawn (PG) Wed-Thu 7:50-10:20
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 7:30-10:05

SilverCity Brampton
Life of Pi 3D (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 4:05-7-9:55
Red Dawn (PG) Wed-Thu 5-7:45-10:15
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 4:30-7:20-10:10

SilverCity Mississauga
Life of Pi (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 4-6:45-9:30
Life of Pi 3D (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 4:30-7:15-10
Rise of the Guardians (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 4:50-7:20-9:40
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 5:10-7:40-10

Square One
Life of Pi (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed 4:15-6:50-9:40
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital,

Aurora Cinemas
Life of Pi 3D (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 7:20-10:10
Red Dawn (PG) Wed-Thu 7:15-9:35
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 7:10-9:30

Colossus 19
Life of Pi 3D (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 4:15-7:30-10:25
Red Dawn (PG) Wed-Thu 4:25-7:15-9:40
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 3:45-6:35-9:10

Elgin Mills 10
Life of Pi (PG) Wed-Thu 5:20
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Wed-Thu 8:20
Red Dawn (PG) Wed-Thu 5:40-8:40
Rise of the Guardians (G) Wed-Thu 8
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Wed-Thu 5:10

First Markham Place
Life of Pi 3D (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 7:15-10:10

First Markham Place
Red Dawn (PG) Wed-Thu 7:30-10
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 6:45-9:30

Promenade Mall
Life of Pi (PG) Wed-Thu 1:25-4:20-6:55-9:30
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Wed-Thu 1:20-4:25-7:20-9:25

SilverCity Newmarket
Life of Pi 3D (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 3:30-7-10:35
Red Dawn (PG) Wed-Thu 4-7:30-10:40
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 3:40-6:40-9:30

SilverCity Richmond Hill
Life of Pi 3D (PG) No Passes Wed 4:20-7:30-10:35 No Passes Thu 1:15-4:20-7:30-10:35
Red Dawn (PG) Wed-Thu 5:10-8-10:40
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) No Passes Wed 4:40-7:25-10 No Passes Thu 2:15-4:40-7:25-10
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Wed 4:30-7:50-10:45 Thu 1:30-4:30-7:50-10:45

Galaxy Cinemas Milton
Life of Pi 3D (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 7:15-10:05
Rise of the Guardians (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 7:20-9:45

SilverCity Burlington 8
Life of Pi 3D (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 7-9:55
Red Dawn (PG) Wed-Thu 7:55-10:15
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 7:25-9:55
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Wed 1:20-7:10-10:05 Thu 7:10-10:05

SilverCity Oakville
Life of Pi 3D (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 7:25-10:25
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 7:05-9:30

Winston Churchill
Red Dawn (PG) Wed-Thu 1:30-4:35-7:30-10:20
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Wed-Thu 12:45-4:10-7:05-10

Ajax
Life of Pi 3D (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 6:50-9:50
Paranormal Activity 4 (14A) Fri-Tue 9:40
Red Dawn (PG) Wed-Thu 8-10:20
Rise of the Guardians (G) No Passes Wed 7:40-10:10 No Passes Thu 1:10-7:40-10:10

Pickering 8
Red Dawn (PG) Wed-Thu 7:55-10:15
Rise of the Guardians (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 7:30-9:55

Reviews

Red Dawn

Starring. Chris Hemsworth, Adrianne Palicki

Director. Dan Bradley

The original Red Dawn was such a product of the Cold War paranoia that remaking it seems doomed for failure. Spokane, Wash., is the target of an invasion that leaves a group of students in the surrounding hills launching guerilla-style assaults. A cyber weapon knocks out communications, ensuring that nothing modern is going to creep into this do-over that follows the original's plot points to a T. The cast are likeable and some of the action sequences are thrilling. But changing the invaders from Chinese to North Korean in post-production leaves gaps in the story and does little to boost the inanity of the plot. **IAN GORMELY**

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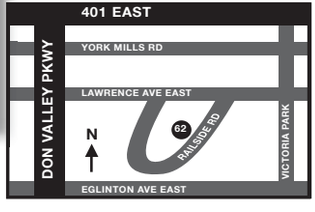

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Reviews

Life Of Pi

Starring. Suraj Sharma

Director. Ang Lee

Based on Yann Martel's megahit 2001 novel, Life of Pi stars Suraj Sharma as Pi Patel, a 16-year-old boy set adrift on a lifeboat after the freighter his family was taking from India to a new life in Canada sinks. His companion is Richard Parker, a Bengal tiger, and refugee from the Patel family zoo. The metaphorical and introspective story is complimented by many startlingly beautiful images and a spiritual undertow. Despite drifting off course from time to time with some ill advised magic realism and some repetition, Lee for the most part steers the story into safe, comforting waters.

IAN GORMELY

Reviews

Rise of the Guardians

Starring. Alec Baldwin, Hugh Jackman

Director. Peter Ramsey

A wacky adventure that casts legendary characters like Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny in some sort of superhero squad, Rise of the Guardians may be kitschy, but the storyline never quite gels amidst its frenetic, plentiful 3D-action.

While the tale of these icons defending the innocence of adolescents from the Bogeyman seems earnest enough, the film feels like a forced renovation on famous folklore for today's toddlers.

STEVE GOW

Reviews

The Silver Linings Playbook

Starring. Bradley Cooper, Jennifer Lawrence

Director. David O. Russell

Like his previous The Fighter, The Silver Linings Playbook is a conventional genre film (in this case a rom-com) pumped up with shrill, melodramatic acting. The goal is to win Oscars, and while Jennifer Lawrence may get there for her manic-depressive-pixie-dream girl, Bradley Cooper — as the bipolar object of her affections — is out of his depth. The film's mixture of screaming hyper-realism and trite narrative contrivances does grow slightly more palatable as it goes along, but the overall effect is still unappetizing.

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It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas

Sceneopolis. Holiday season also a time for family musicals

In Toronto, there are two ways to know that it's almost Christmas. The first is the annual Santa Claus parade, which the city hosted for thousands of children just this past Sunday.

The second sign that the holiday season is just around the corner is Ross Petty's annual family musical. This year's musical production: Snow White, the Deliciously Dopey Family Musical, opens on Nov. 23.

For the past 17 years, Ross Petty Productions have been producing an annual holiday musical, which pokes fun at fairy tale conventions and engages children of all ages in musicals by mixing pop culture references with slap-stick humour.

Considered pantomimes, these Fractured Fairy Tale Musicals have become a go-to family treat for the holiday season.

This year's production of Snow White follows last year's re-telling of the Wizard of Oz and stars Canadian Idol winner Melissa O'Neil as the titular Snow White, along Stratford thespian Graham Abbey, who replaces the seven dwarves as a cross between himself and 007.

Snow White is on stage from Nov. 23 to Jan. 5 at Toronto's Elgin Theatre on Yonge Street.

Tickets are available via rosspetty.com and start at only $32. A family four-pack is only $64.00. If you haven't been to a Ross Petty show before, don't wait to make it part of your family's holiday tradition!

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Furtado says farewell to 2012 with NYE bash

Niagara Falls. Canadian singer talks latest album while reflecting on the past year

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Nelly Furtado will bid 2012 farewell and ring in 2013 by headlining Entertainment Tonight Canada's fourth annual New Year's Eve bash at Niagara Falls.

The show caps a busy time for Furtado — it follows the release of her latest album, recording with David Frost and Andre Bocelli and preparing for a Canadian tour launching in her hometown of Victoria on Jan. 8.

Congratulations on the New Year's Eve show. Why did you want to do it?
Last year, I had the pleasure of watching it on TV and I thought, "Wow, what a fun party" so I put it out there on some level, and the timing is really good with my tour with Hedley and the Dragonettes. I'm actually really excited about it.

As the headliner, you'll be onstage at midnight. Who are you going to kiss?
Well, my husband, but I don't want to do that on television, so I'll dance with wild abandon so people will forget that moment.

I'll be busy singing, but I'll be watching the other people kissing.

New Year's is time to party but also time to reflect. What are you grateful for these days?
I'm grateful to be Canadian, to live in a country with so many freedoms and liberty and peace, the ability to walk down the street and not worry about violence and I'm really grateful to be ambassador for Free the Children.

It's remarkably fulfilling for me and I meet pretty inspiring people.

Then you're touring Canada for The Spirit Indestructible. In the dead of winter!
Isn't that funny — a Canadian tour in dead of winter? I'm a true Canadian!

I'm kind of excited to think that, it has a ring to it. Guaranteed we'll be stuck in the snow.

The Spirit Indestructible mixes musical influences and languages. It's so rich.
I think it's kind of creative rain, like what I had writing in Spanish.

It was very fulfilling and almost like an English drought. I had nothing to say in English for two or three years and one day the rain came down and hallelujah! Lord only knows what I'll do next.

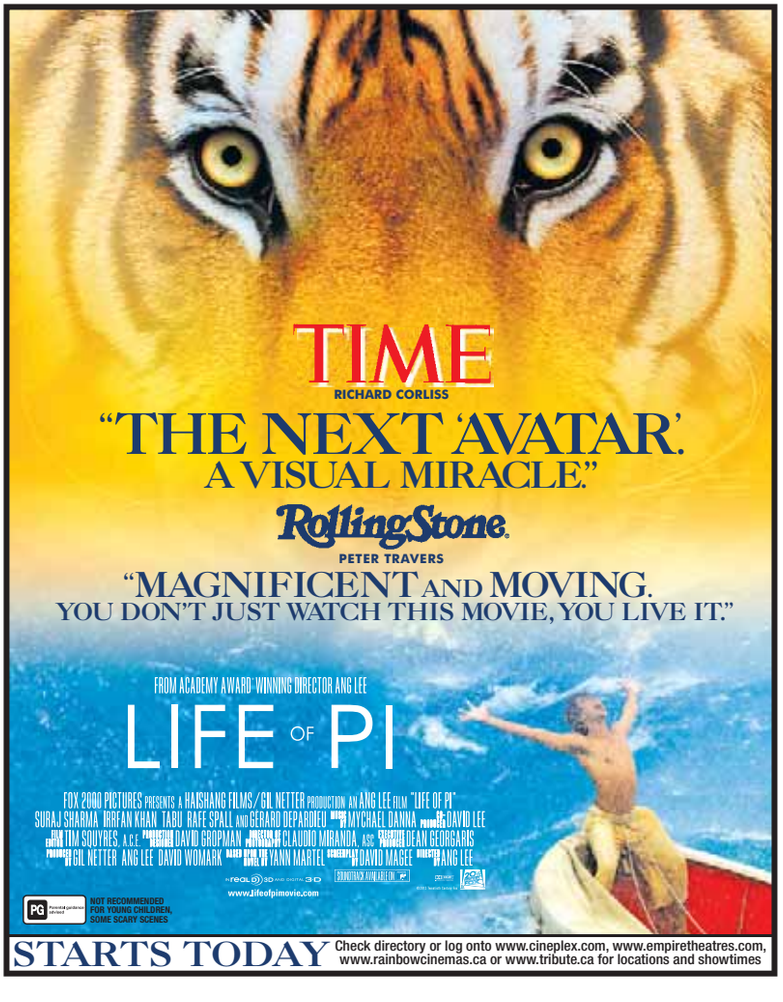
It's been a rush of adrenaline and a creative high. I'm recording a follow-up in Spanish and a follow-up in English and Spanish.

Why did you draw inspiration from looking back to your early music?
I think the best songs look backward. Think how nostalgic Tragically Hip's Phantom Power is.

It makes you feel great. Bryan Adams' Summer of 69. It's truly reliving a moment sonically and if you can do that with music, you can time travel. It's fun for the listener and the creator.

Will your nine year old daughter Nevis be at the Falls show?
Every kid loves staying up till midnight. It's one of the greatest joys of the holidays!

Nelly Furtado is set to rock ET Canada's New Year's Eve at Niagara Falls on Dec. 31 at 10 p.m. on Global. GETTY IMAGES



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Florida death row inmate may be involved in killing of O.J. Simpson's ex-wife: Documentary

My Brother the Serial Killer. Clues may link man to 1994 murder

O.J Simpson leaving the courthouse for a lunch break in Santa Monica in 1997. FREDERICK M. BROWN/GETTY IMAGES

A documentary about an inmate on Florida's death row says the convicted killer might have been involved in the murder of O.J. Simpson's ex-wife and her friend.

The Investigation Discovery show, My Brother the Serial Killer, will air Wednesday.

The doc is a look at Glen Rogers, who was convicted by a Florida jury in 1997 for killing a woman.

Rogers was also convicted of murder in California and is a suspect in homicides in several other states.

Rogers, who is from Hamilton, Ohio, met Nicole Brown Simpson in 1994 when he was living in Southern California, his family says in the documentary.

A criminal profiler in the film says he received paintings by Rogers with clues possibly linking him to the 1994 murders of Simpson's ex-wife and her friend, Ronald Goldman.

Simpson was accused in those killings, but the so-called "trial of the century" in Los Angeles ended with his acquittal in 1995.

Simpson never testified at the criminal trial, but memorably demonstrated in court that a glove found near the slaying scene did not fit his hand. He testified at length in a wrongful death trial that led a Los Angeles civil court jury in 1997 to find him liable for damages in the case.

Much of the film is narrated by Rogers' brother, Clay Rogers, who used to rob homes with Glen Rogers as a teen, but in 1993 called police on his brother after finding a body at the family's Kentucky cabin.

Clay Rogers said that in 1994, his brother told him about meeting Nicole Brown Simpson.

"They've got money, they're well off and I'm taking her down," Clay Rogers recalls Glen Rogers saying.

Other family members also said Glen Rogers talked about meeting Simpson's ex-wife.

In a statement, Goldman's sister criticized the new documentary.

"I am appalled at the level of irresponsibility demonstrated by the network and the producers of this so-called documentary," Kim Goldman said. "This is the first time we are hearing about this story, and considering that their 'main character,' Glen Rogers, confessed to stabbing my brother and Nicole to death, you would think we would be in the loop."

Simpson is currently serving a prison sentence in Nevada after being convicted in 2008 of leading five men, including two with guns, in a September 2007 confrontation with two sports memorabilia dealers and a middleman at a Las Vegas casino-hotel.

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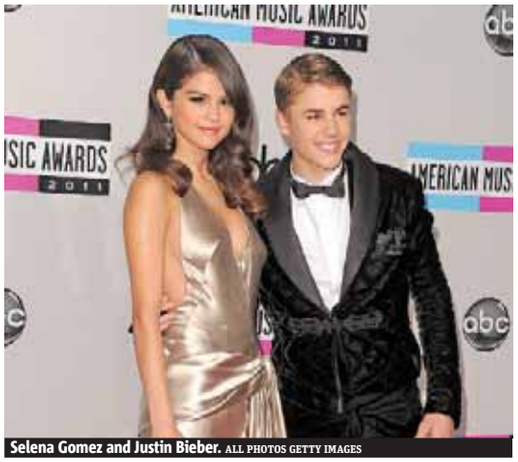

Selena Gomez and Justin Bieber. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Gomez and Bieber caught cuddling after AMAs

It's getting tough to keep track of where Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez are in their breaking up and making up.

After a fiery, argument-filled dinner this weekend that ended with Gomez storming off, the pair apparently reunited after the American Music Awards Sunday night to celebrate Bieber's wins, according to Us Weekly.

Gomez and Bieber hit up a private party hosted by Bieber's manager, sticking to a hidden table in the back room with plenty of security around as they snuck in a few kisses, a source reveals, adding that they were, "dancing on each other. They seemed to be in great spirits and were clearly enjoying their time together."

They reportedly left together through a back exit at around 2:30 a.m.

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The Word

Rihanna's fans (hostages) finally released from her tour

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Monday night was Ri-Ri's final show in New York, finishing off a week of mayhem at 35,000 feet. Metro has been by her side for seven crazy days.

Back up by 24 hours: Prior to Monday's show in London, Rihanna was at the Westfield Shopping mall in Stratford (built just before the Olympic Games), to set the Christmas light display ablaze. Rumour has it she got $793,000 to show up, but there's no confirmation yet. There, Rihanna holds the closest she has gotten to a press conference.

Fast-forward five hours and we're at the venue: The Forum in London's Kentish Town area.

Rihanna enters on time (almost), which might have something to do with the fact that Jay-Z is livestreaming the gig. The star puts on her best performance since Stockholm, despite technical problems.

At the after-party, she's nowhere to be seen, but the backing band are pleased.

"It helps not being four hours late," one mutters.

At 3 a.m., the buses leave the hotel for the airport. A mere six hours after that, we're on the plane to New York.

Wood shoots down pregnancy rumours

Newlywed Evan Rachel Wood is combatting pregnancy rumours after she was photographed this week in L.A. grabbing her stomach and wearing a baggy poncho while grocery shopping with husband Jamie Bell.

The speculation is unfounded, though, the actress insists.

"Sorry to disappoint. But no baby on the way here," Wood posted to Twitter after the photos hit gossip sites.

Evan Rachel Wood

The pair quietly tied the knot three weeks ago.

Twitter

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I've been up so long feels like lunch time, hungry!

@prattprattpratt
A spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down? But it doesn't help the diabetes. Think Poppins! You can't afford to lose another child.

Disney's Magic Europe

Starting June, 2013, the Disney Magic cruise ship sails to new ports in Turkey and Italy. Disney Cruise Line partners with local tourist companies to deliver unique family oriented Port Adventures. These pre-booked excursions include activities for the whole family. The Magic will have four, seven, and 12 days sailings to the Mediterranean this summer.

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Turkey

A scavenger hunt in St. John Basilica has guests following clues and finding treasures to help an archaeologist (actor) solve a puzzle, while touring this ancient church, home to St. John the Apostle's burial spot. The hunt continues in the ancient Roman city of Ephesus, where groups can speak with a real archeologist to learn the art of a "dig" and look for treasure. A lunch tour features Grecian gowns for guests to wear as they eat typical Roman food, meet Cleopatra and judge an epic battle between two gladiators. Disney gives parents the opportunity to shop in Sirince, while kids are given a lesson on how to make typical glass bead bracelets or necklaces. A trip to the traditional Turkish Bath is also organized.

Rome

Every Disney Mediterranean cruise stops in Rome, and most cruisers want to hit "the big five." The Vatican (museum), St. Peter's Basilica, the Coliseum, the Pantheon and the Trevi Fountain. There are a variety of port excursions to choose for these. Other Port Adventures include the Gallerie Borghese and Teatro del Burattino. Unique to Disney, a puppet show in English delights the kids while parents grab 45 minutes of shopping (or a quick gelato) at the nearby Spanish Steps. Kids are supervised by youth counsellors from the ship; parents are welcome to stay. An adult-only activity is offered at the ArtStudio Café to create mosaic art under the direction of one of Rome's premier artists, while enjoying wine, local cheese and cured meats.

Venice

Venice is the only overnight stop on the 12-day cruise. Developed for kids, Venetian mask making is proving to be popular for families. Guidance is provided by professional mask makers as guests paint and decorate a unique souvenir. The Canottieri Bucintoro rowing club will take guests aged 16 and over for a unique three hour opportunity to learn how to row like a Gondolier in the waters of Venice. Participants are awarded a certificate in "voga veneta", as well as prosecco and snacks. Venice's most famous landmark, the Doge's Palace, is made available for a private tour after hours, and in true Disney style, a special reception at the end of the tour is hosted by Disney Princesses, who come ashore from the ship.

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After the party, it's the hotel lobby ... New book takes a peek at top inns

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Start your stay off right with a generous tip for your bellman. ISTOCK

Jacob Tomsky's hilariously irreverent memoir Heads in Beds chronicles the all-work, no-sleep, but never dull lifestyle of the young hotelier and the innermost workings of high-end hotels. "I hope to train people," Tomsky says. "Either they'll realize our struggle and be kinder or they'll be terrified of us, and they'll be kinder."

He shares five-star advice for your next check-in.

If "service is about minimizing negatives and creating the illusion of perfection," what are some ways hotels cater to a vacationer's fantasies?
In a hotel, you essentially have servants — people who get you things, clean things for you. Invisibility is also an element. You go out to get lunch and magically when you come back everything's perfect; there's a feeling of luxury that comes from not seeing who's working for you. And extra amenities — lint rollers, deodorants, slippers — there are so many things hotels have to make you feel at home, but those aren't things you actually have at home.

How might you persuade a guest to take advantage of the hotel experience?
Make a connection with the front-desk agent or doorman and anytime you enter the lobby, they'll call you by name and ask if you need anything. Take bell service so you don't have to deal with your luggage. Indulge in movies and the minibar. (Disputing these charges) is pretty much a victimless crime, hotels pay a set rate for cable. And there are ways to avoid mark-ups. If you want room service, but it's like $49 for a burger, call the front desk or get online: Many restaurants deliver to hotels. Call room service and say, "I'm going to eat in my room, can you send up plates and silverware?" You'll get your opulent setup — they might charge you a small fee — and then eat take-out.

What's the tipping standard for a hotel?
The rock bottom for bellmen and doormen is $2 a bag. I also think going under $5 is a bad idea; give $5 to the doorman and $10 to the bellman. It's important to have them on your side (obviously, with access to your personal items). If you're checking in and you have no cash, there is an ATM around.

Jacob Tomsky, a hotelier, is the author of Heads in Beds. HANDOUT

And not having change sounds like a horrible excuse. Some people feel weird about tipping, that's one thing I'd like to get rid of. I remember I was walking through a hotel lobby and this lady was like, "I want to thank you for what you did for me." I still have no idea who she was and I'm pretty sure I didn't help her, but she gave me a dollar, so I said, "Thank you." That's when I knew I was a full-on hustler (laughs). It's not uncomfortable (to accept tips) for little bits of service. You look bad if you don't tip, but you don't look bad if you try to tip.

Any advice for solo travellers?
If you have a doorman (at your hotel), that guy's like the ambassador to the 20-block radius. Introduce yourself. Don't talk their ear off, the doorman's not really going to be your friend, especially during a two-night stay if you've never been there before. But he will help you find your way around. Ask questions and then tip small amounts for the information.

What are some key words guests should use to get on the good side of hotel staff?
Start sentences with "I understand." Like, "I understand that you are really busy and there are not a lot of rooms available, but if there is something ..." Just be aware that there's a huge difference between demanding and requesting. Using those words means that "I understand that I am not guaranteed what I am about to ask for."

How has "being all things to all people" affected your life outside of hotels?
I've learned to be a chameleon. Being able to read people and adapt myself to them for our mutual benefit is a life skill. There's no reason not to alter your personality just a little bit based on the person you're dealing with. That's called being polite.

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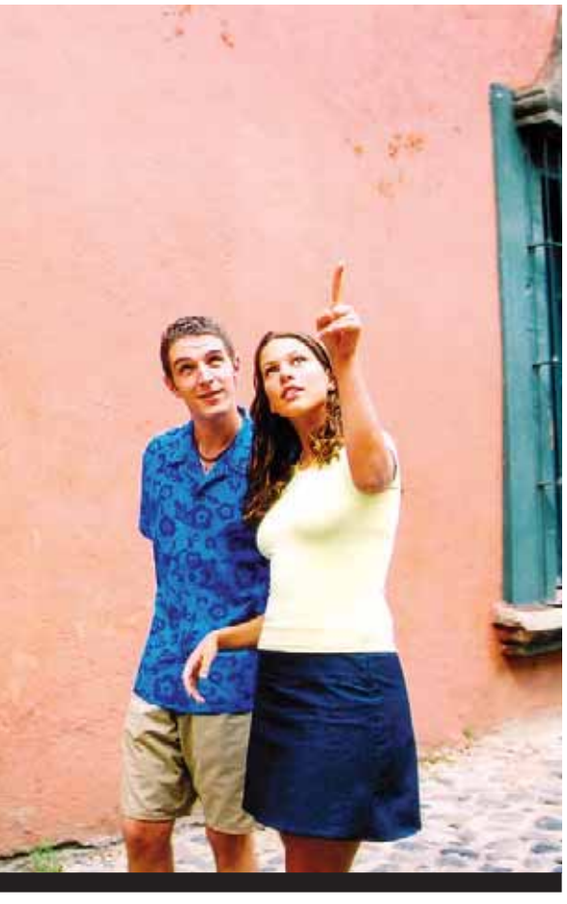

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Mexico City is like a map of the human brain: a simmering, complex, ever-changing storehouse of history, art, fashion and food. At 923 square kilometres and 20 million people, you could spend weeks just getting acquainted, but with cheaper fares now available, it's possible to enjoy this fascinating city in shorter increments.

Saturday

A good place to start is the Museum of Anthropology, where you'll get a sense of the country's ancient culture and mythology. With jet-lag working in your favour, head over early to beat the crowds, and then wander among edifices of ancient temples, handmade gold and turquoise jewelry and the original Stone of the Sun, a.k.a. the Aztec Calendar.

After learning what's come before, it's time to plunge into modern Mexico. Head to the Zocalo, the bustling plaza in the heart of historic downtown, and stop into the National Palace to see Diego Rivera's rustic yet bitingly political murals. Spend a quiet moment in the Metropolitan Cathedral before lunch at a rooftop restaurant overlooking the square — and the excavation of an ancient temple found during a dig to lay the electrical system.

After a brief siesta, cap off your day with shopping, dinner and nightlife in the hip Condessa and adjoining La Roma neighbourhoods. There, you'll find a mixture of tourist spots and local shops.

The zocalo THINKSTOCK

Street food THINKSTOCK

Sunday

Start your day in Coyoacan, a quaint, relaxed neighbourhood and home to Casa Azul, where artists Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera lived from 1929 to 1954. Their passion is evident in both their lovingly preserved household and their exhibited works. But let's get real — you're there for the food.

A few blocks south of Casa Azul is the Mercado de Coyoacan: a massive indoor space where vendors sling some of the freshest (and cheapest) street fare in the city. Service is friendly but dizzyingly brisk — just belly up to a table, be brave and order. Don't miss Tostadas de Coyoacan, where shrimp or fish ceviche is piled atop delicately crisp tortillas.

Continue south to the Plaza del Coyocan to cool your tongue with a paleta (cream- or fruit-based popsicle) or to re-energize with a cappuccino. Just off the plaza is the Mercado Artisinal, where you can shop for local crafts and freshly-blended molé powder (which, unlike the fresh paste, can be smuggled home in your carry-on).

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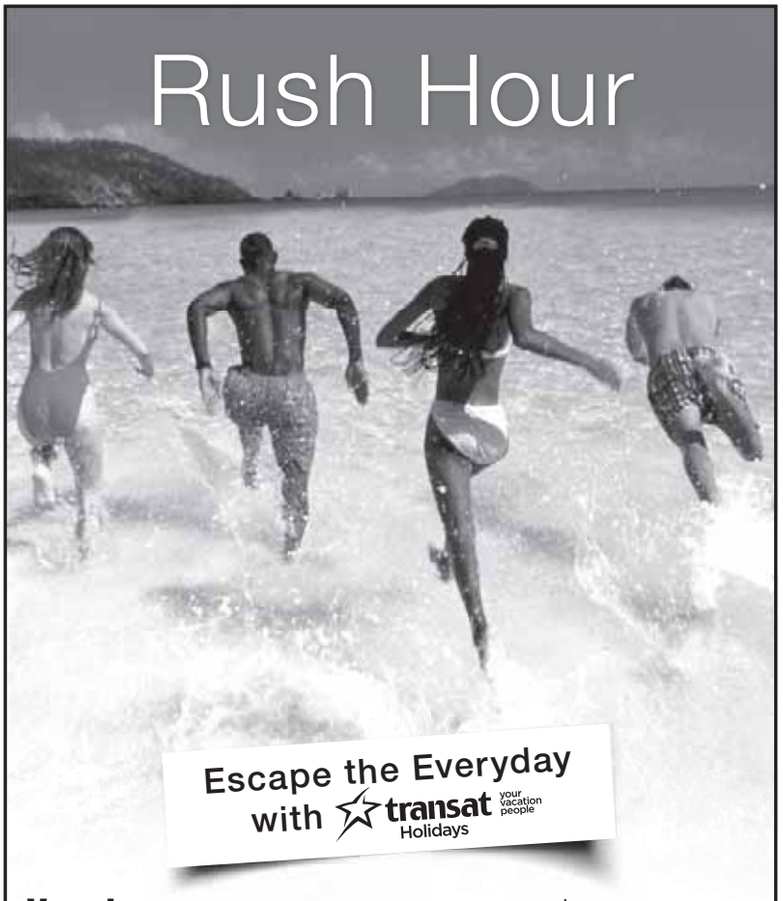

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Practice your 'salut' in the sun in Guadeloupe. PHOTOS: METRO WORLD NEWS

There's plenty of Spanish and sightseeing in Cartagena.

French in Guadeloupe

Trade: If you've already done Paris and Nice, why not take off to Guadeloupe in the Caribbean to learn French.

Why? Make a beach holiday of your French-language immersion program by doing it on the butterfly-shaped paradise island of Guadeloupe. It's a French Overseas Department, so technically it's still France. You can spend euros here and eat delicious patisserie, but in between lessons, you can also spend time snorkeling over coral reefs, topping up your tan on the beach and exploring the rainforests and mountains.

Learn: At Media Langues Guadeloupe, you'll learn French in intensive classes of up to six. From $360 for a 20-hour week. medialangues-guadeloupe.com

Spanish in Colombia

Trade: Make a change from Madrid by improving your Spanish in Cartagena, Colombia.

Why? Cartagena is one of the hippest places in South America, a coastal city with a vibrant new town, picturesque Old Town and of course a strip of silvery sand. You can brush up on your Spanish here while enjoying the museums and architecture of this UNESCO World Heritage City.

Learn: At Nueva Lengua, a school based in an attractive colonial house in the walled Old Town, steps away from the beach, you can learn straight Spanish or combine it with other lessons. From $200/week. nuevalengua.com.

Japanese in the countryside

Trade: Skip Tokyo's big-city lights and learn Japanese in Japan's stunning countryside.

Why? You'll get a whole different type of immersion if you learn Japanese while volunteering on a rural organic farm, sea kayaking centre, bee-keeping farm, Japanese

Immerse yourself in Chinese language and culture in Yunnan. MINDS ABROAD

Head out to rural Japan to really immerse yourself in the language.

tea house or in a ski resort guest-house. For a start, there will be fewer people that you can get away with speaking your own language with. Live and volunteer on rural farms and you'll improve your Japanese quickly while enjoying real cultural immersion.

Learn: Find a host and farm that suits your current level of Japanese language through the cultural volunteering organization Wwoof. Membership is $69.

Chinese in Yunnan, China

Trade: Shanghai and Beijing are cosmopolitan and modern. Get a feel for the real modern China and study Mandarin in Yunnan province.

Why? This un-touristy province in southwest China, close to northern Myanmar, Laos and Vietnam, offers a sort of best-of for China, with rainforests in the south and Tibetan towns and the Himalayas to the north. Even in the capital of Kunming, you'll be one of just a handful of foreigners.

Learn: At the Minds Abroad school, students learn through small group lessons, language exchanges schemes and volunteering experiences. From $299/week. mindsabroad.com.

Practise your English on the beach in Australia.

Brush up on English in the Whitsundays

Trade: You don't need to get rained on in London to learn English — fly to Australia's Whitsunday Islands for immersion in English — and the ocean.

Why? What's not to like about an English school that's steps away from a tropical beach? The Whitsundays are in Queensland, just near the Great Barrier Reef so you can improve your English, then get a job in a hotel, café or tour company while perfecting your scuba diving.

Learn: The Whitsundays College of English offers classes for all ages, levels and lengths of time, as well as additional sailing and diving courses. From $200/week. collegeofenglish.com.au/whitsundays

Roasted Vegetable Quiche offers a hint of delicious cheesy indulgence

Roasted Vegetable Quiche

This recipe serves eight. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This simple, colourful quiche is jammed with seasonal vegetables and has just enough rich Gruyère to make it taste indulgent.

But the most indulgent aspect of this recipe is that it can be prepared and baked the day before your next family dinner, meaning you have one less dish to worry about on the day of.

Just pop it into a 300 F oven for 10 to 15 minutes to warm right before serving.

1. Heat the oven to 400 F.

2. In a large bowl, toss together the red pepper, red onion, sweet potato and zucchini. Add the olive oil, rosemary, salt and pepper, then stir to coat. Spread the mixture on a rimmed baking sheet and roast for 30 minutes, or until the vegetables are tender and beginning to brown. Remove the vegetables from the oven.

3. Reduce the heat to 350 F.

4. If it isn't already, fit the pie crust into a pie pan, crimping the edges as needed. Place the pie shell on a baking sheet and add the roasted vegetables. Top with the cheese.

5. In a medium bowl, whisk together the eggs and the half-and-half. Pour over the cheese and vegetables. Bake for 45 minutes, or until slightly puffed and set in the middle. Allow to cool slightly before serving.

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Ingredients

- 1 red bell pepper, cored and diced
- 1 small red onion, diced
- 1 small sweet potato, peeled and diced
- 1 medium zucchini, diced
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp minced fresh rosemary
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp ground black pepper
- 1 prepared raw 9-inch pie crust
- 3/4 cup shredded cheese
- 6 eggs
- 1 cup half-and-half

Drink of the Week

No. 11

We're not sure why it's called No. 11 but this drink combines bitters with honey and vanilla for a very unique combination.

- Dash Angostura bitters
- 1 bar spoon of honey syrup
- 2 oz vanilla bean bourbon

Stir the Angostura bitters, honey syrup and vanilla bean bourbon; strain into a glass with ice and garnish with three brandied cherries.

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Create your dream career. How to break into the marketing field without a business degree

JUSTINE ABIGAIL YU
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More than the degree, employers want to see that you can apply yourself creatively, so step up and show them something different.. ISTOCK

"You're an artsie, you're an artsie, you're an artsie overjoyed… but you'll always be an artsie and you'll never be employed!"

Or so the chant goes. This was one of the playful taunts that would be hurled at us arts students back in university.

I studied political science and sociology in my undergrad and one question I always used to get from family and friends was, "What are you gonna do with that?"

Well, let's just say I turned it into a blossoming career (modesty aside) in communications and marketing for the non-profit sector. It's not quite the traditional or linear route, but is there ever such a thing in life?

I first broke into the industry back in 2009 with a winning combination of great timing, determination, and good ol' fashioned hard work.

Social media (now part and parcel of marketing and communications) was just beginning to blow up in the non-profit world and I somehow nabbed myself a social media internship at an international development organization. Since then, I've worked in communications and marketing positions with non-profits and businesses alike. So how do I do it even without the degree?

Dream it, be it

"Live and breathe the position you want to see yourself in and present yourself as such."
Justine Abigail Yu

Hit the books

A lot of what I've learned has been self-taught. I hit the books and the blogs to learn about basic marketing principles and to keep up with the latest social media trends.

It's something that I haven't stopped doing since I entered the field. In the fast-paced technological world we live in today, it's essential to keep up with the latest trends to keep your edge.

Be a Jack of all trades and a master of one

Who ever said that this had to be an either/or option? I honestly believe that in today's world, it's not enough that you just specialize in one thing and one thing alone. You've got to have a wide and diverse set of skills to thrive in this dynamic and often uncertain economy.

That's why I continually build on my skill set, learning the basics of coding and Photoshop while exploring new tech tools available. Trust me, there is great value in this versatility and being someone that your employers can always count on ain't a bad thing!

Leverage that arts degree

I didn't go to business school and I don't have a marketing or communications degree, but my background as an arts student has equipped me with skills absolutely vital in this field. I've leveraged the analytical, research and communication skills that every arts student has mastered (or at least should have mastered) after four years of undergrad.

Network, network, network

When I first started, I networked like crazy. In fact, I still do and you should too. Attend industry events and connect with all kinds of professionals more experienced than you. Set up informational interviews to really immerse yourself in the field and extract as much knowledge and information from them as possible.

Market yourself

What kind of marketer or communicator would you be if you couldn't even sell yourself, right? Build your personal brand and carve a niche for yourself. Find a way to set yourself apart from the rest of the crowd. I've done that by making a home for myself on the Internet and giving an alternative to that boring old text-based resumé.

Fake it 'til you make it

The rest is what I like to call faking it 'til you make it. For a while, you'll feel like a bit of a sham working in the field without the degree or experience (I know I did!), but trust me, that stuff is overrated. Live and breathe the position you want to see yourself in and present yourself as such. Learn the ropes, work relentlessly hard, make those connections and before you know it, you've broken into the industry.

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Student voice

How far must we go to get a foot in the door?

Eric Bodourian
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I have had such little luck looking for work.

I originally graduated with a three-year diploma in chemical engineering technology in 2008, but I was unable to find a position. I then decided to return to school to complete my undergraduate degree in environmental geosciences.

I have spent the last year or so testing the market for what is available in terms of internships, full- or part-time work and volunteering, and I have not been able to make any sort of impression.

I have even resorted to emailing and writing letters to consulting companies and other various firms, telling them I would be willing to work for free. This generated a tepid response at best.

I have been to some of the job forums in Toronto recently, including the Green Jobs Forum, and I tried making connections with some of the lecturers and professionals who I felt shared the same interests as I do. It has been the same story: I cannot seem to get any further along the way of landing even an unpaid internship.

I have emailed, called and left voicemails for potential employers just for the purpose of asking some questions and maybe getting some information about their job outlook, but I have come up far too short.

I have spent more than six years in post-secondary institutions and I cannot get an employer to take a second look at me and offer me at least an interview.

I am frustrated as I am unemployed and scheduled to start paying back my student loan this month.

Help!

My advice for students

All I would say is that you need to try to utilize all the resources you can. It also seems to be better to make as many contacts as possible.

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Make your first-meeting mark

Introduction ideas.

Acing the marketing interview is as easy as knowing your stuff and proving your potential

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Interviews can be a nerve-wracking event. I think most people can agree with that statement.

But they're especially stressful when it's your first time interviewing for a position in that industry. That is exactly how I felt this summer when I had an interview to work with the vice-president of marketing and communications at a board of trade.

Going into the interview with the following three tips in mind really helped me and, in the end, I landed the job!

Come prepared with ideas

This is true for job interviews in all industries, but extremely important for marketing positions. Researching the company's marketing initiatives and presenting skills you bring to the table that can help them with existing strategies — as well as having some new ideas — can set you apart from other candidates.

For example, from the little research I did on the board of trade's website, I discovered that they published a business trade magazine and used it as a strategy to increase brand recognition and attract potential clients. Recognizing this, I brainstormed a few ideas for stories I thought would interest entrepreneurs and presented them during the interview. I also highlighted my background in journalism and that I could help them with writing for future issues.

Social savvy

Before your interview, take a look at the organization's social media presence.

- Know which sites they have profiles on, which ones they don't and what type of content they tweet, post, etc. Don't be afraid to make suggestions if you think they could benefit from posting new styles of content or having a presence on other social networks.
- For example, before my interview, I took a quick look on the organization's website and it was brought to my attention that they didn't have a large social media presence. During the interview, I talked about my experience with different platforms and mentioned ideas I had for the business to connect with professionals through LinkedIn and Twitter.
- It turned out that one of the things on their summer to-do list was to increase the organization's presence on LinkedIn. One of the reasons they hired me was because I had suggested marketing strategies with that platform.

Bring your most creative concepts to any interview in order to show your commitment to the company's success.
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Have real-life examples and/or bring a portfolio

It's great to have all these grand ideas, but it's even more important to give an employer the impression you can pull them off. A large part of my interview was spent talking about previous experiences in marketing, telling specific stories or examples of successes, as well as not so successful attempts and what I had learned from them.

If you have a portfolio, bring it. Even if you don't think the work showcased in your portfolio relates to what the employer is looking for, still show it to them.

One strategy I use when I run into this situation is that I will show the interviewer my portfolio and tell them, "I know this job won't involve a lot of writing, but I wanted to show you my published work so you can see that when I set out to do something, I do the best work possible." This demonstrates to the interviewer that you'll bring a solid level of commitment and effort to the position.

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CFL

Ticats making move to Guelph during stadium construction

The Hamilton Tiger-Cats will play CFL home games next season at the University of Guelph while their new stadium is being built, says team president Scott Mitchell.

The university stadium only has 7,500 seats currently and Mitchell couldn't say yet exactly how many might be added next year. But he insisted there should be enough to accommodate all season-ticket holders in some fashion.

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CFL

Accolades pile up for Argos' Owens

Chad Owens has reached another high point in his stellar season after winning the CFL offensive player of the week award for his role in leading the Toronto Argonauts to a berth in the 100th Grey Cup.

The Toronto slotback registered a club playoff record 207 yards on 11 receptions in the Argonauts' 27-20 win over the Montreal Alouettes in the East Division final on Sunday. He had a 70-yard reception early in the third quarter that set up a momentum-grabbing touchdown for Toronto. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Argos slotback Chad Owens
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Guess who's back? Jays bring in Gibbons

MLB. Crazy week in Toronto takes another wild turn with hiring of former manager

Newly reinstated Blue Jays manager John Gibbons speaks to members of the media in Toronto on Tuesday.
NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

In one of the most hectic 24-hour periods in team history, the Toronto Blue Jays saved the biggest surprise for last.

Hot on the heels of having their mammoth 12-player trade with the Miami Marlins approved by Major League Baseball and finalizing a contract with controversial free-agent outfielder Melky Cabrera, the Blue Jays unexpectedly named John Gibbons as their new manager Tuesday.

Gibbons returns to the Toronto dugout after managing the Blue Jays from 2004 to 2008.

"This came as a big surprise to me," Gibbons said at a Rogers Centre press conference. "It's really a thrill and an honour to be back. I never would have guessed that this could happen."

Gibbons, who had a 305-305 record in his first stint with the Blue Jays, says he has some unfinished business to take care of in a city starved for a winner.

"We did a lot of good things while I was here, but nothing great," he said. "I think something good is going to happen here."

Gibbons, 50, became manager of the Blue Jays in 2004 when then-general manager J.P. Ricciardi fired Carlos Tosca. He was eventually fired in June 2008 and replaced by Cito Gaston, who had led the team to World Series championships in 1992 and 1993.

"It has happened fast," Gibbons said of being hired for a second stint. "I am thrilled to be back. It's always good to see some old friendly faces."

And with the player moves the team made in the last week, he's excited to get a second chance.

"There are too many good baseball people who are running things and putting it together," Gibbons said. "It's going to happen, so why not be there when it does?"

Those people are led by general manager Alex Anthopoulos, who stunned the baseball world last week when word leaked that the Blue Jays and Marlins had agreed to a trade that saw Toronto acquire all-star shortstop Jose Reyes and pitchers Josh Johnson and Mark Buehrle.

He followed that up by signing Cabrera to a two-year deal worth $16 million US.

"The front office has put together a legitimate, contending-type team," said Gibbons, who ranks third all-time in victories with Toronto. "Now it's the manager's job and the coaching staff's job to pull it together as a team and get the most out of these guys. That's our No. 1 job."

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"From my standpoint, I don't have any stronger belief that this is the right guy to lead this team."

Blue Jays general manager Alex Anthopoulos, on the John Gibbons hiring

Clubhouse controversy

John Gibbons' best year in Toronto came in 2006, when the club went 87-75 to finish second in the AL East — the same season he had well-publicized blowups with players Shea Hillenbrand and Ted Lilly.

- Gibbons said he regrets the physical altercation with Hillenbrand, but Anthopoulos defended him and said if you can't play for Gibbons then you can't play for too many guys.
- "I've always rooted for this organization. They gave me my first shot to be a big-league coach and a big-league manager," Gibbons said.

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NHL. Players expected to table proposal on Wednesday

With collective bargaining talks set to resume at the NHL head office on Wednesday morning, the NHL Players' Association is expected to table a new proposal.

It comes on the heels of a 90-minute meeting on Monday evening, where the league asked NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr to put together a comprehensive offer that includes how to split revenue and rules governing player contracts.

"We've never heard a full proposal from them," said deputy commissioner Bill Daly. "We'd like to hear it all together."

In addition to revenue split and player contract rules, the sides need to work out how to pay for the damage caused by the lockout. In the NHLPA's most recent offer, which was tabled Nov. 7, the union asked for the players' share of revenues to jump in fixed increments of 1.75 per cent each season starting from the $1.883 billion they took in last year.

That proposal didn't include the mechanism that would be used to account for the reduced revenue generated during a shortened 2012-13 season.

The NHL would prefer a proposal based on a percentage of annual revenue.

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More games under the axe?

The meeting on Wednesday comes at the same time the league is expected to cancel more games.

- According to sources, the NHL has decided to wipe the first two weeks of December off the schedule, which will bring the total lost during the lockout to more than 400 games.

The Philadelphia 76ers' Nick Young, right, reacts after scoring a 3-pointer against the Toronto Raptors' Linas Kleiza on Tuesday in Philadelphia.

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Young runs wild and free vs. Raps

NBA. Philadelphia wins first game of season in which they trailed after three quarters

Tuesday's game

76ers	Raptors
106	98

Nick Young has some game to go with his style and swagger.

Young scored 23 points off the bench, Jason Richardson had six of his 21 points late in the fourth quarter, and the Philadelphia 76ers rallied to beat the Toronto Raptors 106-98 on Tuesday night.

Known for his cool nickname — Swaggy P — and his Afro hairdo, Young is earning recognition for his play on the court, too. He had four assists and three rebounds to go with his 7-for-13 shooting.

"That's all part of the Swaggy P movement," Young said with a smile. "I felt good."

Coach Doug Collins texted Young on Monday to check up on him after he experienced some dizziness during Sunday night's win. Collins even told Young he had a few plays designed just for him.

"He texted back: 'Laugh out loud, Coach. I'll be ready,'" Collins said.

He sure was.

Jrue Holiday had 19 points and 12 assists and Thaddeus Young scored 18 to help the Sixers win their third straight game.

DeMar DeRozan had 24 and Andrea Bargnani scored 22 for the Raptors, who are off to a 3-8 start. Jose Calderon, who had a season-high 18 assists in Toronto's win over Orlando on Sunday night, got 12 more to go with 13 points.

"We had control of the game and we've got to make basketball plays," Toronto coach Dwane Casey said. "In our transition defence, we lose Thaddeus Young in transition and there's no way. We're jogging back in home-run trot and in those situations you've got to execute on both ends of the floor, whether it's defensively, knowing who you have in transition, communication, all those things add up in crunch time."

Nick Young's 3-pointer got Philadelphia to 92-89 with 5:11 left. Young nailed another 3 to make it 92-all.

Richardson scored on a driving layup, got fouled and made the free throw for a 99-96 lead with 1:54 remaining.

Richardson extended the lead to 102-96 with his fourth 3, and the Raptors didn't get any closer in the final minute.

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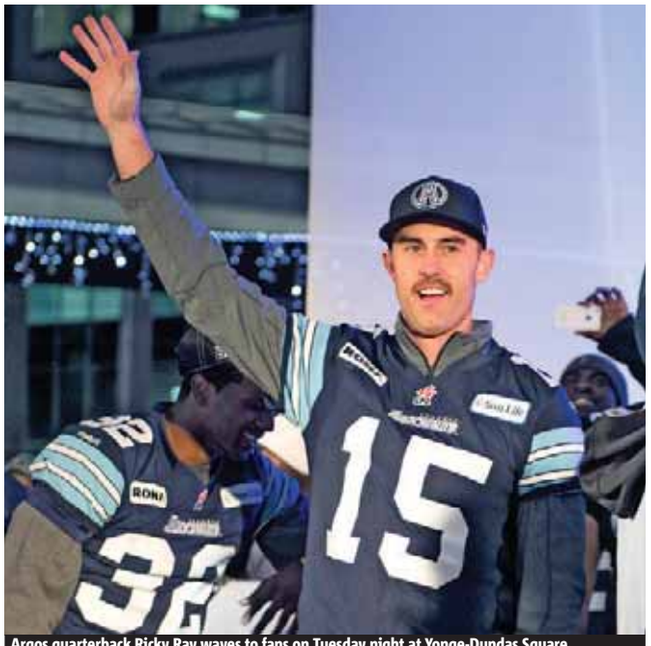

Argos quarterback Ricky Ray waves to fans on Tuesday night at Yonge-Dundas Square.
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Painters carry off stencils used to create the Argonauts' logo on the Rogers Centre field on Tuesday.
TARA WALTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Argonauts fans get 'their moment'

CFL. Toronto players greet masses at Yonge-Dundas Square as Grey Cup excitement builds

As the Calgary Stampeders slogged through traffic to their hotel from Pearson Airport to begin the hectic business of Grey Cup week, the Toronto Argonauts were having a love-in with their fans at a downtown rally.

About 2,000, many wearing the Argonauts' Double Blue jersey, cheered and shouted "Ricky, Ricky" for star quarterback Ricky Ray at Yonge-Dundas Square on Tuesday evening in support of a team that earned the rare chance to play a Grey Cup game at home.

The Argonauts will face the Stampeders in the CFL championship game Sunday at Rogers Centre.

"You're always trying to make them proud," said Ray, the veteran who was acquired from Edmonton last winter in a bid to get the Argonauts into the 100th Grey Cup on home turf. "True fans have stuck with us all year long and we're getting some new fans too who are really catching on to the excitement we've been able to capture late in the season.

"This is what we play for — these people and this city — and we're just looking forward to playing for the championship."

The teams get down to business Wednesday with practices at the domed stadium.

It is the first time since 2007 that the two away teams in the division finals pulled upsets to get to the title game, with Calgary knocking off the Lions in Vancouver and Toronto beating the Alouettes in Montreal on Sunday.

But they are the two hottest teams in the CFL, with Toronto on a four-game winning streak including the playoffs and Calgary having won its last five.

"Part of that is getting Ricky Ray back," receiver and kick return ace Chad Owens said of his quarterback, whose return from injury with three games left in the regular season lit a fire under the 9-9 Argos.

"He's been playing extremely well. But it's going to be a tough game. It's going to be last man standing. Calgary have a great football team."

He looked to the cheering crowd and said, "It's their moment. They've been waiting for this. But for us, being here is not enough. I know for (the fans) it won't be either. We want to win and we'll do everything we can to make sure that happens."

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Destiny in the making

Playing the game at home is extra special for defensive end Ricky Foley, a Courtice, Ont., native who attended York University in Toronto.

- Foley said it was part of his dream when he elected to sign with Toronto in 2010 after attending the Seattle Seahawks camp instead of returning to his first CFL team, the B.C. Lions, with whom he won a cup in 2006.
- "When I signed here three years ago, part of the sales job by coach (now general manager) Jim Barker was 'We've got the 100th Grey Cup game and you're a hometown boy. This is where you're supposed to be. This is your destiny.'"

CFL. Stamps Cowboy up for arrival in Toronto

Calgary offensive lineman Obby Khan has been to three Grey Cups in the past five seasons, so he considers himself something along the lines of the older, wiser, elderly statesman of his unit.

That's why, when the Stampeders landed in Toronto Tuesday evening, Khan was among the players who elected to dress "cowboy" instead of suit and tie.

"Are you kidding, we're representing Western Canada," said Khan, the six-foot-four, 270-pounder who might have been the biggest cowboy on his team Tuesday night.

"You get a chance to dress up like this once a year if you are lucky, so why not take advantage and have some fun. And it's natural for me, since I am the best-dressed, best-looking (offensive lineman) here."

The "older and wiser" reference is Khan's own phrasing. At 32, the Ottawa native is indeed the oldest O-lineman Calgary will suit up for the 100th Grey Cup Sunday against the Argos.

Khan was sporting a sheriff's badge on his plaid shirt. The badge is symbolic of his elderly status. Khan, though, fell short in the 2011 Grey Cup with Winnipeg, and suffered a leg injury in 2007 with the Bombers that kept him out of the game.

So when Stampeders coach John Hufnagel gave his club the option to dress western or suit and tie for the trip to Toronto, Khan wasn't about to let the fun pass him by.

"I never cowboyed up before," Khan said.

"We went to these stores last night.... I didn't know python skin boots came in size 14."

The team aimed to hit the big city wrapped in a little western-themed clothing. The week will get progressively more intense and focused, so a little fun on the way in helped break up the seriousness that will be at hand in the 100th Grey Cup game Sunday.

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No horse play on Sunday?

Calgary's biggest cheerleader — the touchdown horse — can get a room in Toronto, but apparently not a ticket to the Grey Cup game.

- According to reports in Calgary Tuesday, the famous horse may not be allowed to perform his touchdown run at Rogers Centre during Sunday's game.
- "I've been told they don't have the room for a horse," rider Karyn Drake told the Calgary Herald.
- The horse will be in Toronto, though, and is set to be paraded through the lobby of the Royal York hotel Thursday morning, recapturing a moment originated by Calgarians at the Royal York in 1948.

Quoted

"I'm from Detroit, we don't do Cowboy ..."

Stampeders quarterback Kevin Glenn, who arrived in Toronto in a costly suit, a couple of high-end suitcases and a pair of Stampeders-red headphones.

Stampeders lineman Obby Khan, left, arrives with his teammates in Toronto for the 100th annual Grey Cup on Tuesday. VINCENT ELKAIM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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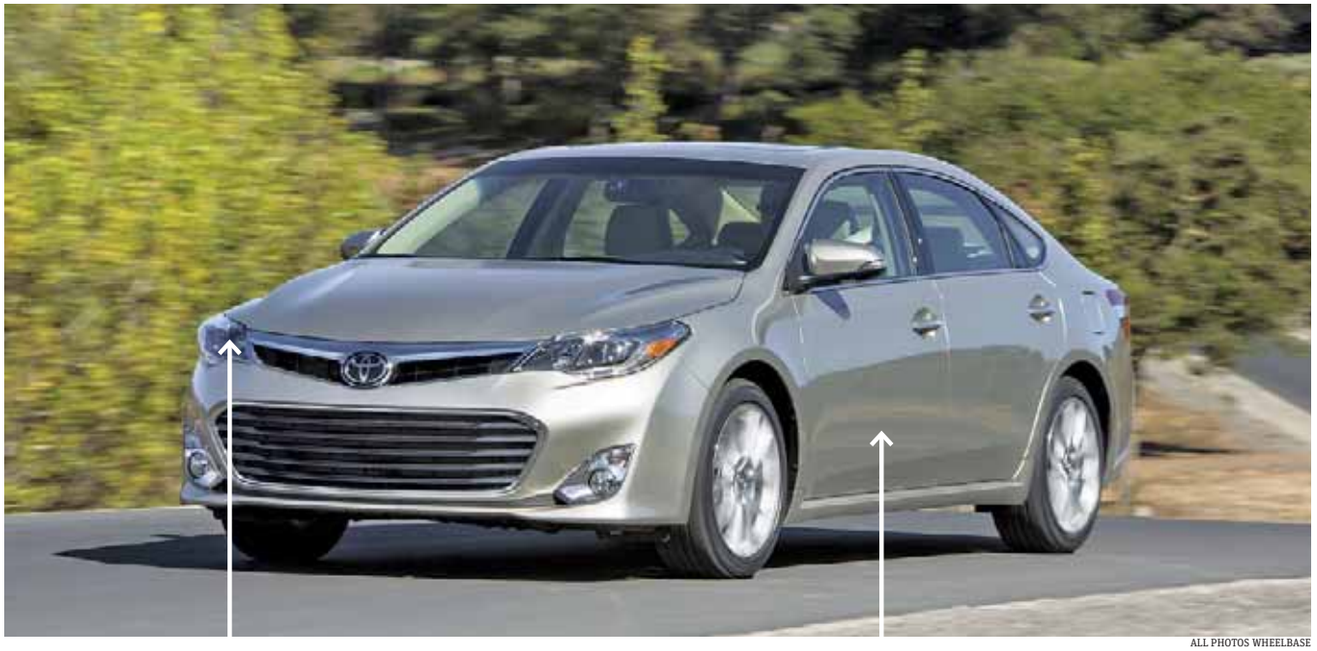
Be amazed by 2013 Avalon



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Engine

Unchanged is the 268-horsepower 3.5-litre V6, although Toyota has tweaked the engine and installed an updated six-speed transaxle (with a quicker-shifting sport model selector) for improved fuel economy. Although you may have heard about an Avalon hybrid, that model is just destined for the U.S. right now.

The engine is a 3.5 litre V6 with 268 horse power.

2013 Toyota Avalon

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel drive, full-size entry level sedan
- **Engines (hp);.** 3.6-litre DOHC V6 (268),
- **Transmission.** Six speed automatic.
- **Base price (incl. destination).** $38,500-$40,500

Design

Overall, the look is more youthful and dramatic, especially the dual grille in front and the sweeping roofline that flows into the rear deck. More importantly, the Avalon now puts more distance between it and the smaller, less-luxury-oriented Camry from which it was spawned. This is a handsome car.

Suspension

The Avalon's suspension has also been beefed up with thicker anti-sway bars and stiffer springs for greater ride control. The electronic power steering system now has had some of its previous numbness dialed back. All of this is good news for a brand that has been previously criticized for its 1970s-era mushy handling traits.

Review. Lose the Lexus and save with the stylish new Avalon

MALCOLM GUNN
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As competent as the 2013 Avalon is, the car has traditionally walked a fine line between its spot as Toyota's top-level sedan and the entry-luxury Lexus ES that is a portal to Toyota's upmarket division.

That situation isn't likely to change for the 2013 model year with the arrival of the next-generation Avalon. Fortunately, however, the big sedan no longer dwells in the Camry's shadow, where it has performed in relative obscurity since its 1995 model-year arrival. The all-new edition receives more defining sheet metal courtesy of Toyota's Calty Design Research Division.

The Avalon's new and radically different sheet metal translates into a larger appearance, which is entirely illusionary, since the car is slightly thinner than the 2012 version.

The new Avalon rides on the same basic platform and maintains the same distance between the front and rear wheels, yet the additional use of high-strength steel has helped reduce overall heft by a claimed 55 kilograms.

There shouldn't be any criticism leveled at its redesigned interior with its concave-shaped dashboard that exudes luxury. Leather-covered seats with improved side bolstering are standard, as is a large and legible touch-screen panel. Add a total of 10 standard airbags to the mix and you almost have to wonder why anyone would head over to the Lexus store for their premium sedan fix.

Here in Canada, the Avalon will be available in two trim levels beginning with the XLE ($38,500), followed by the Limited, which costs about $40,500.

Most importantly, however, Toyota's flagship should appeal to a wider audience that has likely passed on previous versions for their general lack of personality and for those who actually like to drive. Not anymore.

Bank on the Borrego if you are chasing a 4x4 bargain

Second Gear. 2009 to 2011 Kia Borrego

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Kia's questionably-timed attempt to enter the large 4x4 SUV marketplace resulted in the Borrego—a full-sized, fully-featured sport-ute geared to families after affordable access to a premium, off-road ready driving experience. With three seating rows and feature content including heated seats, navigation, a sunroof, automatic climate control and a power tilt steering wheel, Borrego was admirably equipped relative to its price range. Despite earning much praise from a happy owners community, the model was cancelled after just 3 years on sale.

Common Issues

Have the underside inspected for signs of damage caused by possible careless off-roading, and have a Kia mechanic look for leaks from the transfer case, engine, transmission and rear differential. Also, confirm proper operation of the four-wheel drive system, making double sure it switches in and out of its various drive modes as expected and without any warning lights.

Ensure that any V8-powered model you're considering doesn't emit a rattling or ticking sound at idle, and that it doesn't smoke at start up. Inside, ensure the power tailgate and climate controls all work properly. Be sure to play with the navigation system, if so equipped, to make sure it's operating as expected. Some owners report that the unit may freeze up and require replacement.

Engine

Standard power came from a 3.8 litre, 276 horsepower V6, though a 337-horsepower, 4.6 litre V8 was available. All models got a five-speed automatic and four-wheel drive.

What Owners Like

Borrego's strong points include size, cargo carrying capacity, and interior flexibility. Overall performance and some high-end touches within the interior are also highly rated.

What Owners Dislike

Mandatory SUV-related fuel-consumption complaints aside, Borrego owners wished for easier access to the third row of seats, and a smoother ride.

Verdict

A Borrego that checks out mechanically and electronically should prove a more affordable alternative to a Ford Explorer or Honda Pilot. Opt for a model with as much of its warranty remaining as possible for extra peace of mind.

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8 To watch in 2014

Industry buzzwords such as 'efficiency' and 'technology' remain at the top of the want list for auto builders and buyers. But as the 2014 models move from concept to showrooms, it's clear that styling, creature comforts and power are also on the list. Below is a look at eight of the most anticipated cars coming to a dealership near you, and some reasons why enthusiasts can't wait to kick the tires.

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1 Mazda 6

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In a bold attempt to find a place in the ultra-competitive mid-size sedan market, this latest Mazda entry hopes to cut into a segment dominated by heavyweights such as the Toyota Camry, as well as recently redesigned models such as the Honda Accord, Nissan Altima and Ford Fusion.

A business split from the Ford Motor Company in 2010 puts pressure on Mazda to do it all by itself, and the initial reviews suggest the Mazda6 passes the performance test. It's also considered Mazda's most important entry since the Miata had its facelift in 2008.

2 Cadillac ELR

In an effort to take the "Caddy" nameplate into greener pastures, this plug-in hybrid is designed to target a wealthier demographic that wants efficiency without the claustrophobia of a shrunken hybrid compact.

The ELR is a stylish and sleek two-door coupe that carries the same platform and powertrain as the Chevrolet Volt, but provides more cabin space for added luxuries and comfort. Expected to debut late in 2013, the base price will list around $55,000, or about $13,000 more than the Volt.

3 Volkswagen Golf

In an ongoing effort to build buzz and appeal, VW believes its edgier Golf finally hits the mark. The seventh-generation entry of this German mainstay will reach North American showrooms in the first quarter of 2014 with a longer, wider and lower look than its predecessors, yet tip the scales 100 kilograms lighter.

Styling tweaks to the grille and a lower build have finally brought the Golf into the "now" generation and postured it to become competitive against the traditional segment killers. Will VW slash the price like it did with the highly successful Passat and Jetta models? We'll see.

4 Chevrolet Corvette

There are very few vehicle launches that tap more into the North American consciousness than a new 'Vette hitting the floor and the C7 shouldn't disappoint.

Specific changes for the 2014 model are being closely guarded in anticipation of a debut in early 2013. But in the looks department, expect the C7 to have a slightly slimmer build with a striking split-window treatment option similar to the old Sting Ray from exactly 60 years ago. Chevrolet has already released info on the new 6.2-litre LT1-designated V8 (pictured below). With 11.5:1 compression and direct fuel injection, expect about 450 horsepower and similar torque as the current 7.0-litre Corvette Z06 below 4,000 revs.

5 Honda Accord Plug-In Hybrid

Launching an all-new Honda Accord sedan is one thing, but adding a plug-in hybrid version seems to skip a couple of steps on the evolutionary ladder.

While Honda's hybrid systems have typically been a step behind Toyota's, since the electric motors can't power the wheels all by themselves, the new Accord plug-in hybrid will catch up in one fell swoop with a non-hybrid version soon after in 2013. Honda's ace is improved engineering to a battery pack that will go about 15-20 kilometres in all-electric mode and offer a total driving range of more than 800 kilometres. At about $40,000, the hybrid will be the priciest of the Accord family, with the only real competitors being the Prius Plug-In and the Chevrolet Volt.

6 Porsche 918 Spyder

A Porsche sports-car hybrid? Sounds like blasphemy, but the new Spyder — at about $850,000 US — is apparently the successor to the mighty Carrera GT.

This high-tech machine will be powered by a V8 engine that Porsche promises will produce at least 500 horsepower, helping it reach 60 m.p.h (96 km/h) in barely three seconds with a top speed of 320 km/h. All of this while its two electric motors can make about 218 horsepower by themselves. The Spyder features a combined fuel consumption rating of about 78 miles per U.S. gallon when puttering around town, and when running on electric only, this next-gen Porsche carries a range of 20 kilometres at speeds up to 150 km/h.

7 Chevrolet Impala

Finally, Chevrolet has put some pizzazz into what is best known as a police cruiser or a rental-car staple. Using a more refined interior and loads of fresh technology, the 10th-generation Impala will likely leave all its predecessors in the dust. A long way in the dust, actually.

Built on the same platform as the Cadillac XTS and the Buick LaCrosse, the Impala will offer three engine choices — the familiar 3.6-litre V6, a 2.5-litre four-cylinder and the 2.4-litre four-cylinder "eAssist" powerplant with a special electric motor/alternator that applies torque via its drive belt.

8 Jaguar F-Type Roadster

From the moment rumours met production of the long-awaited return of a Jaguar roadster, potential popularity met reality with 2,000 pre-orders already in the books.

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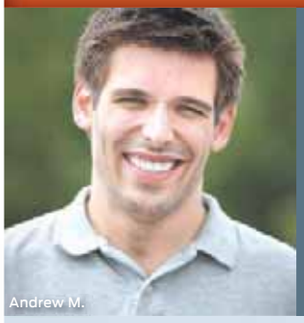

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Are we going ‘soft’ on car quality?

Autopilot

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Look closely, the quality is in the detail. Cars from three or four decades ago have very different problems than today’s vehicles. HANDOUT

Vehicle quality used to be easy to describe. A window crank falling off in your hand? That was bad quality. A window crank not falling off? That was good quality.

Now most cars have fewer and fewer defects from the factory. So how are we assessing vehicle quality in this modern era?

Well the fine people at J.D. Power and Associates — who have been measuring initial vehicles after 90 days of ownership, every year for the last 26 — have determined that we’re getting “soft” when it comes to assessing quality.

By “soft” they mean that we’re more concerned about how well things work, rather than whether they work or not, because, well, they almost always do work.

Dave Sargent is the vice-president at J.D. Power and Associates and heads up its Global Automotive practice. Last week, he spoke at the AutoTalk Canada conference in Toronto, and expounded about this evolution of quality perception.

He started his talk by noting that quality remains of paramount importance to consumers and that nothing else drives satisfaction, loyalty and image to the same degree.

He also noted that the customer’s perception of what constitutes quality is constantly evolving and will continue to do so. For one thing, we get used to great quality, and move on to things that tick us off.

This has meant quality issues are bleeding into areas we normally thought of as design. Basically, poor design is now seen as poor quality and customers consider these design problems as being just as severe as defects.

And the area most affected by poor design and subsequent “soft” problems is the interface between driver and vehicle. The infotainment and inter-connected wonderland is now the new quality battleground.

According to Sargent, for the first time in the 26-year history of the study, owners report more problems related to audio, entertainment and navigation system than in any other vehicle area.

Speaking about the technological wonders coming in this area, Sargent had this to say: “Customers are excited. They are also confused and fearful. They need help.”

The nature of the problems here are what’s causing the confusion and fear. Take voice command for example, which has become the most-often-reported problem in the industry. If it doesn’t work as you had hoped or expected, you have to live with it for the whole time you own the vehicle.

Your dealer could fix your window crank problem in one short visit. But he is often powerless to make your voice command system work to your satisfaction. And when this happens, it happens to every one of the units made, not just the ones where a line worker forgot to tighten the window crank.

Sargent believes dealerships could better support consumers in this area by doing a better job of explaining how these systems work during the delivery process. But he also noted another problem — consumers are becoming increasingly skeptical about the dealership’s ability to handle today’s complex vehicles.

Oh boy. Can’t you just hear the automotive folks pining for the old days, when their major warranty problem was just loose nuts, and maybe a bit of rust.

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Clean air is always a must, especially when it comes to cars. Your vehicle contains air filters, which should be changed periodically to maintain your engine's health, as well as your own.

All engines use air filters, which remove dirt and particles before they can enter the combustion chamber. Most new cars also contain cabin filters, usually located in the dash behind the glove box, which clean the air in your heating and cooling system as it circulates.

"If you've left (the filter) for two years or more, it can become clogged," says Michael Minialoff, manager of automotive parts for Canadian Tire. "Not only do you not get effective heat, but your defroster won't work as well as it should, and ventilation will be compromised."

The filter handles fresh air that comes in through exterior vents, as well as that which recirculates from the cabin through the heating and air conditioning ducts.

"It's kind of shocking how much debris can end up in there," Minialoff says. "The air inside your vehicle can be up to six times dirtier than the air outside, with road dust, debris, pet hair, pollen, or anything that could be floating around. These are paper filters and they should be changed about once a year or every 24,000 kilometres."

Your engine also contains an air filter, and it's a very important one. Gasoline must mix with air before it will burn, and for every litre of fuel, your engine will use 10,000 to 12,000 litres of air. All of this air is filtered to prevent dirt from entering and possibly damaging the engine.

Engine filters used to be made primarily of paper and were often checked by holding them up to a light — if the light didn't shine through, the filter was clogged and needed replacement. Today's filters contain several types of materials.

Tips

- **Seats.** Some premium vehicles have air-conditioned seats. These may contain small filters, which should be changed when recommended.
- **Follow manual.** Replacing a cabin air filter isn't difficult and instructions can be found in your owner's manual or on the filter box.
- **Replace if need be.** Change your engine air filter when recommended: A dirty one will affect your fuel economy.

"This changes the opacity, so holding it up to a light really doesn't tell you anything," Minialoff says. "It should be changed following the recommended guidelines, either in your owner's manual or on the filter box."

Air filters should be changed more frequently if you regularly drive on dusty roads, in stop-and-go traffic, travel only short distances when your engine doesn't fully warm up, or if you're pulling a trailer or hauling heavy loads.

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Give a dog a bone

The Craftsman Dog Bone is actually eight swivel-head wrenches in one (four at each end) and should save you plenty of aggravation during those times when you're working on your vehicle and can't seem to locate the right-sized socket. Sizes include 3/8, 7/16, 1/2, 9/16, 5/8, 11/16, 3/4, and 13/16 of an inch (metric sizes also available). The Dog Bone has also been designed so as not to round off the edges of bolts and nuts and it has a built-in 3.5-kilogram-strength magnet that can be used to attach nuts and bolts, oil pan drain plugs or any other metal objects. This item is available at most Sears stores, or online for $13 US. sears.com

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When it comes to pedal cars, why should kids have all the fun? The Ferrari FXX Exclusive pedal go-cart is advertised by the manufacturer, Berg Toys, as being suitable for anyone from ages 5-99. In fact, this officially licensed Ferrari product is no toy, but is a four-wheel cycle vehicle with seven-speed gearing, front disc brakes, alloy wheels, an on-board computer to record top speed, distance travelled and lap times. So why spend $2,800 US on fitness equipment? Go to bergtoys.com for details.

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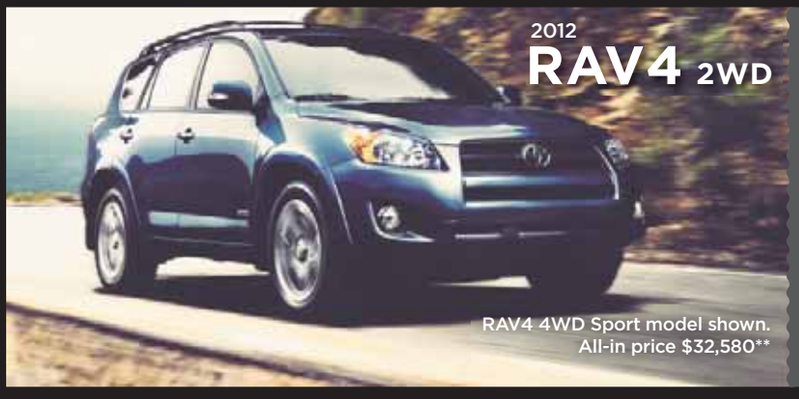

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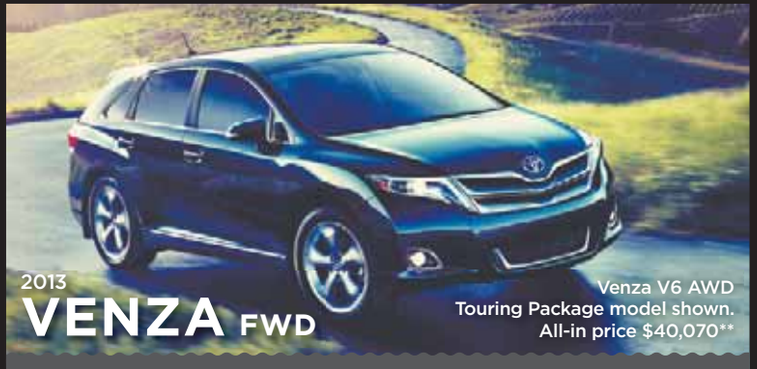

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When you're clearing your car of snow, don't overlook the roof, hood and trunk. Snow can fly up and unexpectedly obscure visibility once you're on the road. Mirrors should always be wiped clear and headlights should be clean.

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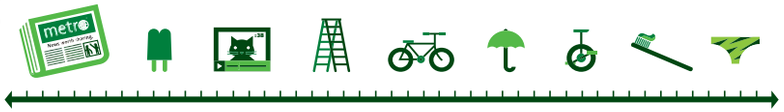

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Horoscopes

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March 21 - April 20
Life is good and about to get even better. You can't quite believe that? Well, you will when you begin to see that everything is going your way at last. Keeping a positive attitude is easy when so many positive things are happening.

Taurus
April 21 - May 21
The atmosphere at work may be less than harmonious today but don't make a big deal of it. Some of your colleagues are going through difficulties at the moment but it isn't your fault, so don't take it to heart.

Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Why are you still hung up about what a certain person said? Why can't you let it go? Maybe it's because you recognize there was an element of truth in it. So what? You never claimed to be perfect.

Cancer
June 22 - July 23
If you allow too many thoughts to run through your head today, you will be easily confused. That, in turn, will lead to mistakes. Focus on the one thing that matters. More than one and you may mentally exhaust yourself.

Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
With the Sun beginning its transit of the most dynamic area of your chart, you honestly believe that all things are possible — and they are. Don't let anyone tell you that your dream is unattainable. They're wrong.

Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
The harder you have worked in recent weeks, the more you will need to relax a bit now. Spend time with your family and loved ones and don't think you have to do everything yourself. You've done enough.

Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Do what feels right to you today and don't worry in the slightest if other people disagree with you. They have no right to dictate what you should think, say or do — and you have a right to be yourself.

Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Make sure you keep a smile on your face over the next 24 hours. You have important matters to deal with and the burden you bear is considerable, but you'll bear it better if you think and look happy.

Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Everyone knows what you are capable of so you don't have to prove yourself in any way. Having said that, cosmic activity in your birth sign means you want to put on a show. Make it the best show.

Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The Sun's change of signs today will encourage you to think deeply about your life and its meaning. Some people may say it doesn't have meaning and that your existence is hollow. But they are wrong, and you know it.

Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Try not to take anything too seriously today. According to the planets, you need to lighten up a little and the best way to do that is in the company of some of your way out friends. They'll make you laugh.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
The Sun's change of signs today will make you even more ambitious than usual, and that's good. However, your ambitions need to be tempered by the realization that causes always have consequences. Think before you act. SALLY BROMPTON

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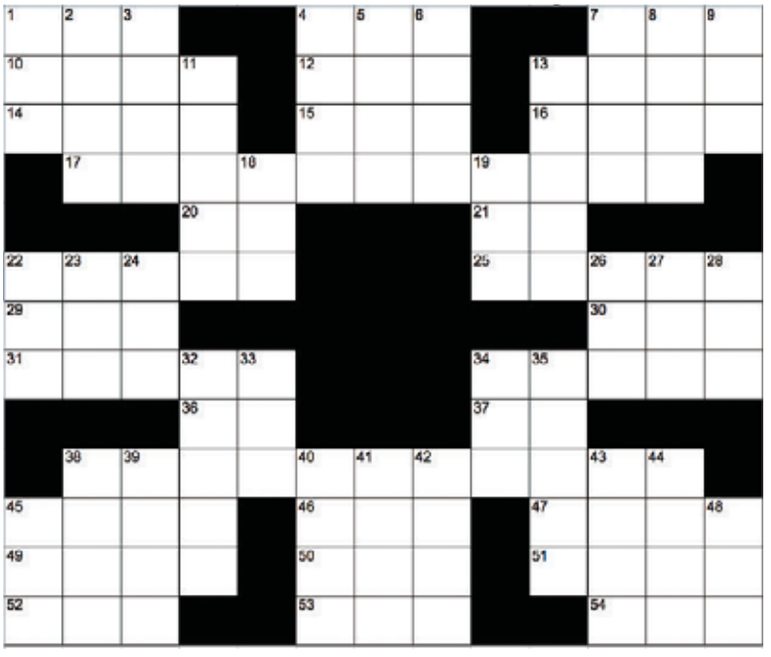

Across
1. Auto navigational device (abbr.)
4. Food scrap
7. Term of respect
10. Israeli airlines
12. Foot digit
13. E-mail request
14. Actress —– Flynn Boyle
15. Small amount
16. Operatic solo
17. "You Belong with Me" singer/songwriter (2 words)
20. Shoe width
21. Railway extension
22. Crown
25. Student assignment
29. Airport info.
30. Summer cooler
31. Ogles
34. Breakfast order
36. Model railroad gauge
37. Musical group: – Vogue
38. Praises
45. Alike
46. Poem
47. Spring flower
49. Chocolate cookie
50. Geese formation
51. Work for a living
52. Lair
53. Have dinner
54. Actor of Lethal Weapon movies

Down
1. Hair product
2. A flat area of ground
3. Gilbert of The Talk
4. Beetle Bailey's pooch
5. Lion sound
6. Turner and Knight
7. Slave
8. Name abbr.
9. Star of Stargate: SG-1 (init.)
11. Hen
13. Glides
18. Jamie — Curtis
19. Tiny
22. Sophia's husband on The Golden Girls
23. Prior to
24. Anger
26. Bag-like structure
27. "Much – About Nothing"
28. Japanese currency
32. —– and Juliet
33. Steep
34. Stinging insect
35. Little Orphan —
38. Children's classic: The — Bears
39. Auspice
40. The — Boat
41. Brainstorm
42. Greet
43. British transport
44. Procreate
45. Grass
48. Weekend variety show (init.)

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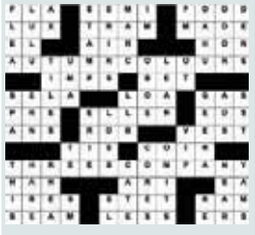

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Optima SX Turbo shown△

2013 OPTIMA

WAS	SALE PRICE	INCLUDES
~~$26,383~~	$21,983^	EVERYBODY WINS* $1,000

HWY (A/T): 5.6L/100KM
CITY (A/T): 8.6L/100KM

Offer includes delivery, destination and fees of $1,988, **$3,400 CASH SAVINGS**[1] and **$1,000 EVERYBODY WINS SAVINGS.*** **BASED ON A PURCHASE PRICE OF $26,383.**
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HWY (M/T): 5.3L/100KM
CITY (M/T): 6.9L/100KM

FINANCE FROM	FOR UP TO
0% APR**	36 MONTHS

Offer based on 2013 Rio 4-Door LX MT.

LEASE IT!

—OR—

FROM	WITH	AT	FOR UP TO
190 PER MONTH	$0 DOWN	0.9% APR	48 MONTHS

$0 DOWN PAYMENT. Offer includes delivery, destination and fees of $2,238 and **$1,000 EVERYBODY WINS SAVINGS.*** Offer based on 2013 Rio 5-Door LX MT with a purchase price of $16,433.

BOTH OFFERS INCLUDE EVERYBODY WINS* $1,000

Sportage SX shown△

2013 SPORTAGE

OWN IT FROM	WITH	AT	FOR UP TO	INCLUDES
$132≠ BI-WEEKLY	$0 DOWN	1.99% APR	60 MONTHS	EVERYBODY WINS* $1,000

HWY (M/T): 7.2L/100KM
CITY (M/T): 10.3L/100KM

bi-weekly for 60 months, amortized over 84 months with **$0 DOWN PAYMENT.** $6,730 remaining balance.
Offer includes delivery, destination and fees of $2,183, **$750 LOAN SAVINGS**[1] and **$1,000 EVERYBODY WINS SAVINGS.*** **BASED ON A PURCHASE PRICE OF $24,178.**
Offer based on 2013 Sportage 2.4L LX MT FWD.

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Representative financing example based on 2013 Rio5 LX MT (RO55ID)/2013 Rio4 LX MT (RO54ID) with a selling price of $16,083/$15,783 [includes delivery and destination fees of $1,455, $1,000 Everybody Wins savings, tire recycling and filter charges of $34, OMVIC fee, variable dealer administration fees (up to $399), environmental fee and A/C charge ($100, where applicable)] financed at 0% APR for 36 months. 78 bi-weekly payments equal $193/$190 per payment with a down payment/equivalent trade of $0. License, insurance, applicable taxes and registration fees are extra. Retailer may sell for less. See dealer for full details. *Every eligible contestant will win (subject to correctly answering a skill-testing question) an Instant Win prize consisting of a discount in an amount from $1,000 to $10,000 towards the purchase or lease of any new 2012 or 2013 Kia vehicle. 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License, insurance, applicable taxes and registration fees are extra. Based on the Manufacturer Suggested Retail Price of $26,383. Retailer may sell for less. See dealer for full details. Available at participating dealers. [1]$3,400 cash savings on the cash purchase of an eligible new 2013 Optima LX AT (OP742D) from a participating dealer between November 1 – November 30, 2012. Cash savings is deducted from the negotiated selling price before taxes and cannot be combined with special lease and finance offers. Some conditions apply. See your dealer for complete details. ≠Bi-weekly finance payment (on approved credit) for new 2013 Sportage 2.4L LX MT FWD (SP55ID) based on a selling price of $24,178 is $132 with an APR of 1.99% for 60 months, amortized over an 84-month period. Estimated remaining principal balance of $6,730 plus applicable taxes due at end of 60-month period. Offer includes $1,000 Everybody Wins savings, $750 loan savings, delivery and destination fees of $1,650, tire recycling and filter charges of $34, OMVIC fee, variable dealer administration fees (up to $399), environmental fee and A/C charge ($100, where applicable). License, insurance, applicable taxes and registration fees are extra. Retailer may sell for less. See dealer for full details. [1]Loan savings for 2013 Sportage 2.4L LX MT FWD (SP55ID) is $750 and is available on purchase financing only on approved credit. Loan savings vary by model and trim and are deducted from the negotiated selling price before taxes. Some conditions apply. [1]Lease offer available on approved credit on new 2013 Rio5 LX MT (RO55ID)/2013 Rio4 LX MT (RO54ID) is based on monthly payments of $190/$189 [includes delivery and destination fees of $1,455, $1,000 Everybody Wins savings, tire recycling and filter charges of $34, OMVIC fee, variable dealer administration fees (up to $399), environmental fee and A/C charge ($100, where applicable) and $350 lease service fee] for 48 months at 0.9% with a $0 down payment/equivalent trade, security deposit and first monthly payment due at lease inception. Total lease obligation is $9,100/$9,072 with the option to purchase at the end of the term for $7,333/$7,061. Lease has 16,000 km/year allowance and $0.12/km for excess kilometres (other packages available). License, insurance, applicable taxes and registration fees are extra. Retailer may lease for less. See dealer for full details. ^Model shown Manufacturer Suggested Retail Price for 2013 Optima SX Turbo AT (OP748D)/2013 Sportage 2.0T SX with Navigation (SP759D)/2013 Rio4 SX with Navigation AT (RO749D) is $35,550/$39,145/$23,450 and includes delivery and destination fees of $1,455/$1,650/$1,455, environmental fee and A/C charge ($100, where applicable). License, insurance, applicable taxes, variable dealer administration fees (up to $399), tire recycling and filter charges of $34, OMVIC fee and registration fees are extra. Retailer may sell for less. See dealer for full details. Available at participating dealers. The First Time Vehicle Buyer Program offer is available on approved credit to eligible retail customers who finance a select new 2012/2013 Rio 4 door, 2012/2013 Rio 5 door, 2012/2013 Forte Sedan, 2012/2013 Forte5, 2012/2013 Forte Koup, or 2012/2013 Soul. 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